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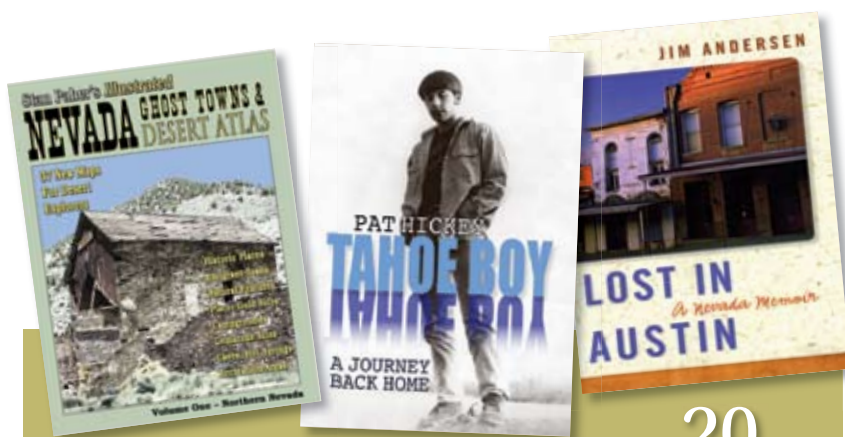
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## The Future of Green in Nevada

As national attention turns more and more to green energy, Nevada finds itself at the heart of the renewable revolution. With a climate as conducive to harnessing geothermal, solar, and wind power as any on Earth, the Silver State is positioning itself as a leader in the green movement. Outside of energy initiatives, green building and living have caught on throughout Nevada, rural to Las Vegas.

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## Nevada Books

This year, our annual Nevada book-reviews package features a special guest: Nevada Lieutenant Governor Brian K. Krolicki. He honors Nevada's mining heritage by reviewing Stan Paher's *Nevada Ghost Towns & Desert Atlas*. Also included are a book about Nevada's environmental legacy, a collection of dazzling panoramic Las Vegas photos, and a detailed look at the state's historic buildings.



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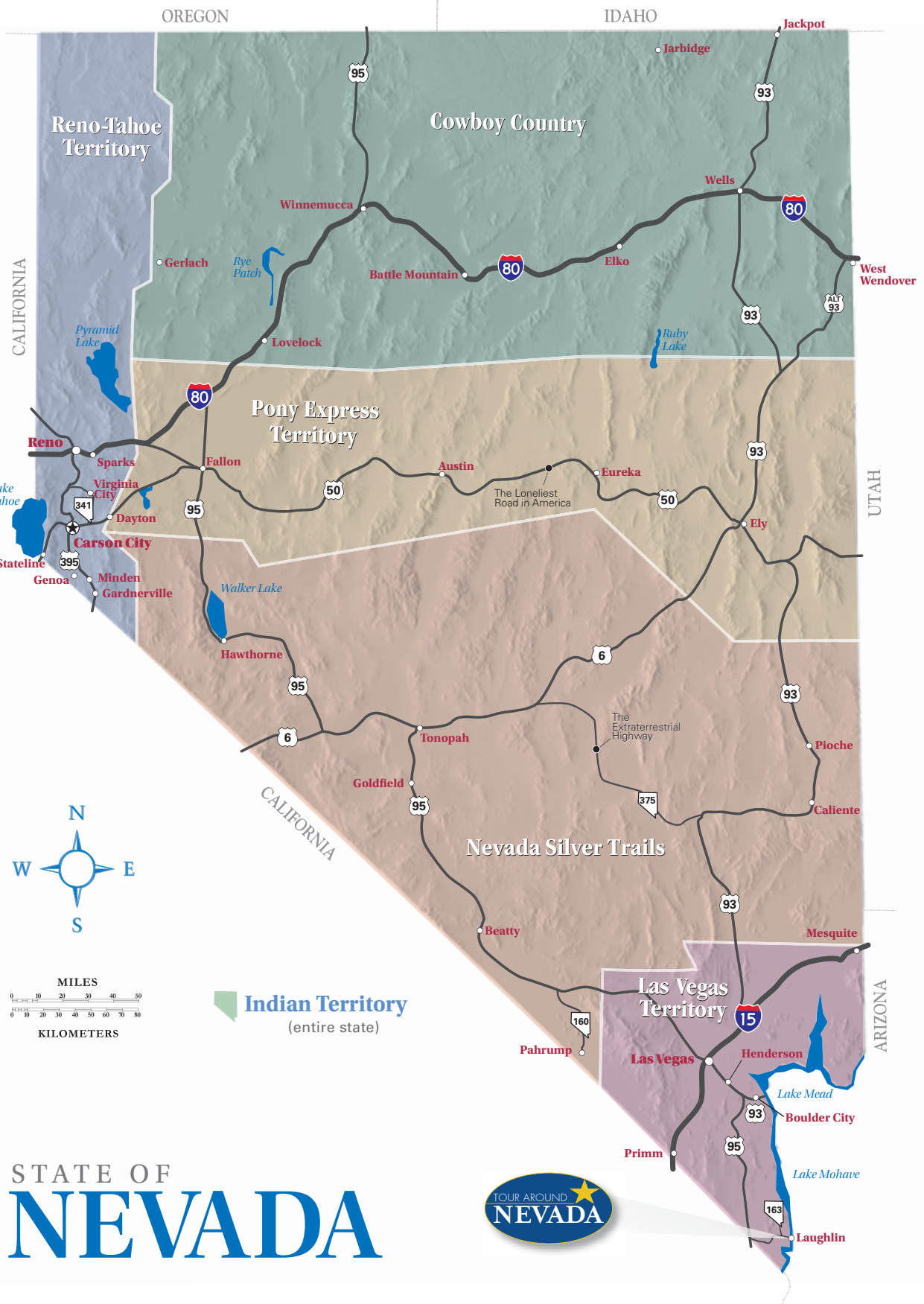


**THIS ISSUE ON**

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- In December, The Ritz-Carlton Highlands, Lake Tahoe (above) opens its doors at Northstar-at-Tahoe resort.
- What is it like to experience a Comstock Christmas in Virginia City? Jeff Garrison details his festive foray in the historic mining town.
- Former Nevada Magazine publisher and editor Joyce Hollister describes her camping trip to Pine Creek Campground.
- Michael Engelmann, who wrote about a 1970s Ramones concert in Reno, returns to reflect on the life of Nevada author Walter Van Tilburg Clark.
- If you haven't experienced Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition and Bodies: The Exhibition, plan to visit the Luxor next time you're in Las Vegas.





# don't miss the bus

*"It's not easy being green."* —Kermit the Frog

It's shortly before 6 a.m. on a Monday, and I'm standing at a bus stop on Robb Drive, feeling good about myself and the future of our planet. Today is a new chapter in my life. I'm ditching my gas-guzzling SUV. I'm going to make a difference.

In the distance, I spot the bus. It's headed my way, but it suddenly turns left onto Sharlands Avenue. I'm at the wrong stop...



I run after the bus at a feverish pace, which is somewhat difficult considering my briefcase is a backpack. After a couple hundred yards of jogging, I conceal my panting as best I can and act cool as I board the Regional Transportation Commission's Route 4, bound for downtown Reno. There, I will catch the RTC Intercity to my Carson City office.

4 p.m. rolls around, and it's time to take the bus back to Reno. Trouble is, I need to get three boxes of magazines to the National Automobile Museum. I cheat and get a lift to the bus stop. We're early...we're waiting...the bus stops across the street. Wrong bus stop. My co-worker and I hustle, dodging traffic, and make it just in time. Again, I play it cool, knowing all the passengers saw me running, pathetically.

I ask the bus driver if he'll alter his scheduled route, just this once, and drop me off at the auto

museum—nope. My physical fitness regimen has been slacking recently, so carrying three boxes of magazines for three blocks isn't the end of the world, I convince myself. Skip ahead to Thursday afternoon—I miss the bus from Carson to Reno, and luckily my co-worker spares me the humiliation of waiting for the next one.

Point is, living green is not necessarily living easy, but there are simpler changes you can make in your daily routine that can have a positive effect. In this issue, our "green" issue if you will, we observe the green movement. What does it mean to live or build green? What can we do to lessen our impact on the environment?

Meanwhile, Nevada continues to draw interest from green-energy companies. Our feature looks into the possibility of the state becoming the national epicenter for harnessing geothermal, solar, and wind power (the picture above was taken during a tour of Sempra Generation's El Dorado Energy Solar in Boulder City).

Even though this edition is green themed, we still have your tourism interests covered. Included are stories on Las Vegas' next mega resort, CityCenter, which opens in December, Springs Preserve, and our Tour Around Nevada continues in Laughlin.

So take some time to educate yourself about Nevada's green revolution. Heck, even the holiday events listings are shaded green.

Matthew B. Brown, Editor

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I am pleased to see that the format of *Nevada Magazine* resembles the style from a few years back. The articles have become more interesting, and the *Events & Shows* section is back to a compact layout.

For about two years, the magazine was full of ads. In one issue I counted 65 to 70 percent ads and very little else of interest. I was ready to cancel my subscription this year, but decided to give it one more chance. Well, I'm glad I did because it's back to the older format with fewer ads and more stories of human interest and Nevada history. Kudos to you for the change, and THANK YOU!

**Edmund Szott**, Illinois

We appreciate your support, Edmund. The ratio of ads to editorial remains the same, but it's possible some stories might have been mistaken for ads in past layouts.

**EDITOR**

My wife and I spent a recent vacation in Nevada and visited Las Vegas, Hoover Dam, and [Arizona's] Grand Canyon. The Grand Canyon made a big impression on us. Subsequently, we visited our son in Reno, and we were happy because it is a great city. We went to Virginia City twice and enjoyed its



old west and mining environment. Also, we went to Carson City and visited the Nevada State Museum (what a great museum!). It was a very educational visit. In addition, we visited the National Automobile Museum in Reno and went to Lake Tahoe.

In summary, we consider this vacation the best in our lives, and we are already planning to go again next year. The only problem is the travel, as it is a long way from Puerto Rico. Reading your magazine helped us plan our stay. Thank you very much.

**Miguel Garcia**, Puerto Rico

Another year of absolutely stunning photography. Congrats, Brian Garner [winner of the 2009 Great Nevada Picture Hunt]! That is a gorgeous winning image! Congrats to all the other winners, too.

**Kippy S. Lanker**, Carson City

Thanks, Kippy—kind words from one photographer to another. Garner's winning image graced last issue's cover (left). A recent caller wondered about the purpose of the Ward Charcoal Ovens: They were built in the 1870s to make charcoal, which was used by miners to melt silver out of the rocks.

**EDITOR**

I took a look at the September/October *Nevada Magazine* and was quite pleased with the way you presented the Carson Valley Inn on page 36 ["In With the Inn Crowd"]. We really appreciate this and all mentions you make of the CVI and our events—thanks again!

**Bill Henderson**, Carson Valley Inn

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Rachid Dahnoun specializes in landscape, travel, and vineyard photography for fine art, commercial, and editorial use. Since graduating from Maryland Institute College of Art, Dahnoun's work has been featured in art galleries, magazines, and commercial products across the country. "It's about making images that are engaging and creative," says the South Lake Tahoe resident. In this issue, to help highlight green energy in Nevada, Dahnoun photographed Nevada Geothermal Power's Faulkner 1 near Winnemucca. To view more of his work, visit [instantxposure.com](http://instantxposure.com).

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### BRIAN K. KROLICKI

As Lieutenant Governor of Nevada, Brian K. Krolicki has the distinct honor of serving as Chairman of both the Nevada Commission on Tourism and the Nevada Commission on Economic Development. "These responsibilities encompass the economic engines which are so vital to the well-being of Nevada, and which have contributed so richly to the history of our state," Krolicki says. In introducing this issue's Nevada Books feature, he pays homage to the state's mining history by reviewing Stan Paher's *Nevada Ghost Towns & Desert Atlas*.

■ PGS. 20



### EMILY LA BRECQUE

Emily La Brecque is a journalism student in her senior year at the University of Nevada, Reno. She has written for several publications at the university. La Brecque has been a Nevada resident for 11 years and was thrilled to have the opportunity to spend a semester interning with *Nevada Magazine*. For this issue, she interviewed Frank Caliendo about his new headliner show at Monte Carlo and reviewed some important green events that occurred in Nevada earlier this year.

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◆ **B.B. King's Blues Club** is set to open this winter at The Mirage in Las Vegas. The restaurant will specialize in Creole cuisine and feature live music seven nights a week, including occasional appearances by King himself. [bbkingclubs.com](http://bbkingclubs.com)

◆ **CSI: The Experience** opened this fall at MGM Grand in Las Vegas. Based on the hit TV show, the attraction puts guests in the role of crime-scene investigators as they solve any of three true-to-life mysteries. [csiexhibit.com](http://csiexhibit.com), 702-891-1111

◆ In September, a San Diego investment firm bought Tonopah's **Mizpah Hotel** for \$500,000. The firm plans to refurbish the five-story hotel and casino. [tonopahnevada.com](http://tonopahnevada.com), 775-482-6336

◆ During the month of October, Tonopah installed the new **Drivers Alert** signs town wide. The signs, which retain the octagonal shape of traditional stop signs, indicate that cross traffic does not stop in hopes of preventing accidents. [youtube.com/safedriversalert](http://youtube.com/safedriversalert)



◆ Reno's new nursing school, **Apollo College**, opened in the fall. It is accepting applications for its next semester until December 15. [apollocollege.edu](http://apollocollege.edu), 877-205-1458

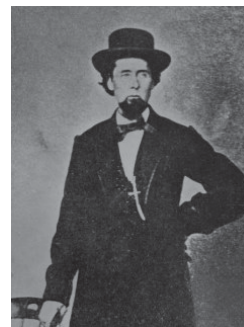
◆ In October, the **Tahoe Ridge Winery** moved from Genoa to a new tasting room, store, and bistro in Minden. [tahoeridge.com](http://tahoeridge.com), 800-783-1566

## HISTORY

## Father of the Comstock Lode

Though his name may be one of the best known in the history of Nevada, Henry Comstock the man is among the state's more obscure historical figures. That is why photos of him are so rare. Only one confirmed photo exists, but in May, William Bohn, an East Coast collector, came across an interesting image. Although it has not been confirmed that the newly

surfaced photo is of Comstock, the similarities are sufficient for historians to be very excited. If the photo turns out to be of Comstock, the collector has offered to loan it to the Nevada State Museum in Carson City. [nevadaculture.org](http://nevadaculture.org)



Henry Comstock (1820-70)



William Bohn's photo, believed to be Comstock.

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## RENO

### Biggest Little Marketing Campaign

The Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority announced this fall a new marketing strategy aimed at attracting new visitors to the area. The campaign embraces the quirky, fun side of the area. "Reno-Tahoe has always celebrated the original, the eccentric, and the unconventional," says Mark Williams, managing director for Mortar, the creative agency that developed the new RSCVA marketing campaign. "Reno-Tahoe...delivers a refreshingly offbeat experience, every time." A new campaign tagline, to replace "America's Adventure Place," has yet to be approved. [visitrenotahoe.com](http://visitrenotahoe.com), 800-367-7366



## LOUNGE

### The South Pacific in Las Vegas

The off-Strip Frankie's Tiki Room is an over-the-top homage to the tropics. Every inch of the hole-in-the-wall lounge is dripping in Hawaiian and South Pacific-inspired decorations—even the jukebox plays only midcentury surfer music. Patrons not charmed into submission by the décor need only sample a cocktail to be won over. Specialty rum-based drinks, such as the Lava Letch and Thurston Howl, are as delicious as they are intoxicating and come in eight different souvenir glasses—\$20 gets you the cocktail and the glass. [frankiestikiroom.com](http://frankiestikiroom.com), 702-385-3110



## RETIREMENT

### Golden Years in the Silver State

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## GREEN news

✦ The Federal Railroad Administration approved plans to build the "**fastest train in the world**" in Nevada. The proposed 269-mile maglev (magnetic levitation) train would connect Las Vegas with the Los Angeles area. [nv.gov](http://nv.gov)

✦ The **Rampart Casino** in Las Vegas is the first casino in the world to install an electric-vehicle charging station. The service is available to anyone who visits the resort. [rampartcasino.com](http://rampartcasino.com), 866-999-4899

✦ **Comstock Seed Company** of Gardnerville relies on a 9,000-watt photovoltaic solar panel to generate the energy needed to power its 43-acre farm. [comstockseed.com](http://comstockseed.com), 775-265-0090

✦ Since 2007 the remote Northern Nevada town of **Gerlach** has operated a **community garden**, which, among other things, supplements the menu at the town's senior center.

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# What is LEED certification?



Many of the stories in this issue mention LEED certification. Below is a description of LEED provided by the U.S. Green Building Council:

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design is an internationally recognized green building certification system that provides third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance in: energy savings, water efficiency, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts.

Certification is based on a 100-point scale with an additional 10 bonus points. Levels of certification are: Certified (40-49 points), Silver (50-59), Gold (60-79), and Platinum (80 or more). [usgbc.org](http://usgbc.org)

## BUILDING

### Nevada Businesses LEED the Way

Nevada is full of businesses that make eco-friendly practices a priority. Las Vegas PBS completed its Educational Technology Campus this fall. The multiuse building (below) features cutting-edge geothermal and solar-energy capabilities and is vying for LEED Gold certification. [vegaspbs.org](http://vegaspbs.org), [ccsdde.net](http://ccsdde.net), 702-799-1010

Upon completion in 2008, Palazzo Las Vegas became one of the largest building projects in the world to receive LEED certification. The 3,066-room resort features low-water-use landscaping, a solar pool-heating system, air-quality sensors, and a slew of other green features. [palazzolasvegas.com](http://palazzolasvegas.com), 877-883-6423

Pulte Homes' Villa Trieste development in Summerlin, northwest of Las Vegas, is one of Nevada's few properties to achieve LEED Platinum certification. The 185-unit community utilizes an integrated solar-power system that blends seamlessly with the homes' roofing material. [pulte.com](http://pulte.com), 877-485-7623

At Harrah's Laughlin employees are given incentives to carpool, the property has implemented various recycling programs, and light sensors have been installed in resort offices as part of Harrah's corporate initiative called "Code Green." [harrahslaughlin.com](http://harrahslaughlin.com), 702-298-4600

In spring, the University of Nevada, Reno Athletic Academic Center became the first building on campus to achieve LEED certification. Natural light is the primary lighting source in 75 percent of the building, which was constructed on existing parking and roadway area to avoid environmental impact on undeveloped space. [unr.edu](http://unr.edu)

North Lake Tahoe's Resort at Squaw Creek has implemented a series of more than 100 measures to lessen the resort's impact on the environment. The program, called Destination Earth, includes extensive recycling programs, water-saving faucets, and free valet parking for hybrid vehicles through December 17. [visitsquawcreek.com](http://visitsquawcreek.com), 800-327-3353



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The largest photovoltaic array in North America is stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas (above). Installing solar panels at your home or business can amount to significant savings through NV Energy's RenewableGenerations program.

# going green

Some green proponents such as U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid contend that Nevada has the potential to become the "Saudi Arabia of renewable energy," an analogy to the Middle Eastern country's leading role in the oil industry. Meanwhile, green business and living practices are gaining momentum across the Silver State.

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN

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It's late August in Boulder City, and there's not a cloud in the sky. I open the passenger door of our air-conditioned Toyota Yaris rental car, and I'm floored by the Southern Nevada sun. It isn't quite 10:30 a.m., and it's easily 110 degrees.

Any other day, I might say forget it, let's head back to the Las Vegas Strip and find the nearest pool—immediately. But then I'm reminded of why we're here. That sunlight, which consistently shines on Nevada, no matter the season, could be a fundamental link to life as we know it in the 21st century. It's natural, abundant, and free—well, sort of.

#### ASSOCIATE EDITOR CHARLIE JOHNSTON

**AND I** meet Kevin Gillespie and Elizabeth Trosper in the parking lot for our tour of Sempra Generation's El Dorado Energy Solar, a 10-megawatt (a MW is equal to 1 million watts, or 1,000 kilowatts) thin-film, photovoltaic solar-cell installation. The company, a subsidiary of San Diego-based Sempra Energy, plans to add another 48 MWs by late 2010, which would make the site the largest operational photovoltaic power facility in North America. Even the existing production seems vast—rows and rows of panels soaking up the sun's rays. The panels are comprised of several individual cells that act as semiconductors by collecting solar radiation from the sun and directly converting it to electricity.

If it's as simple as putting a bunch of panels in the desert, why the global dependence on natural gas and coal power plants? There has to be a catch, right? "A lot more power can come from turbines and a steam generator," says Mike Allman, president of Sempra Generation, referring to the company's 480-MW natural gas-fired power plant that sits adjacent to the El Dorado project. With natural gas, virtually the same amount of land is producing 48 times the amount of energy. Plus, in Sempra's case, the solar panels would probably not exist without the natural-gas plant and its accompanying transmission lines.

Perhaps the main challenge to implementing solar (in addition to needing a good

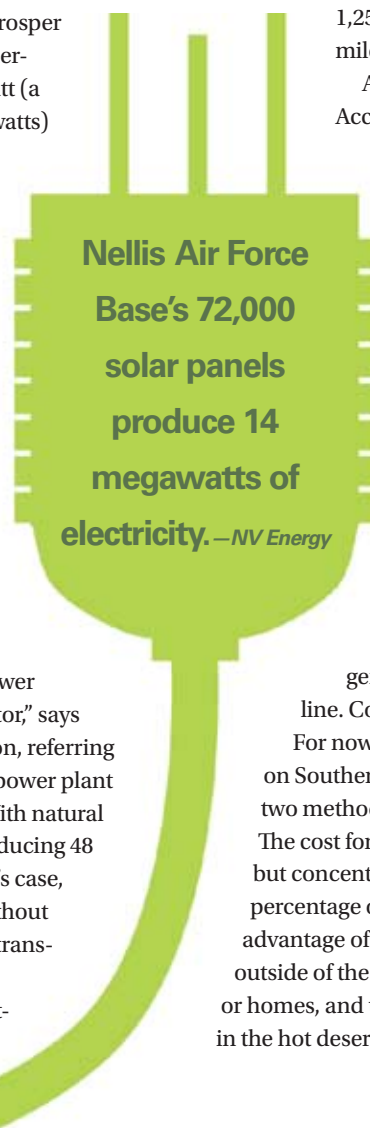
chunk of land, of which Nevada has plenty), Allman says, is integrating it to the grid. That's why you find a lot of large-scale solar installations next to natural-gas plants. In an age when the global-warming debate is as heated as ever, the carbon dioxide emitted by natural-gas power plants represent a fraction of the emissions produced by their coal-fired counterparts. "Natural gas is an enabler for these green-energy projects," Allman says. "It's the cleanest-burning fossil fuel."

As governments continue to put pressure on energy companies to come up with alternative sources, natural gas has become a parent to solar. "California has set a renewable-energy standard of 33 percent by 2020," Allman says, pointing out that California's Pacific Gas & Electric has contracted for 100 percent of Sempra's Nevada output for the next 20 years. Sempra Generation's planned 48-MW expansion would bring its total number of solar cells to nearly one million. "We're going to need all the renewable energy we can get," Allman adds.

In the next few years, Sempra Generation hopes to add 500 MWs of solar power as an extension to its 1,250-MW natural-gas plant, Mesquite Power, 40 miles west of Phoenix.

As we drive away from El Dorado, we pass Acciona's Nevada Solar One, literally across the street. The 400-acre, 64-MW plant uses a different kind of technology called concentrating solar power. Thousands of mirrors are scientifically angled to concentrate maximum sunlight onto solar receivers, which heat a transfer fluid to more than 700 degrees Fahrenheit. The intense heat turns water into steam to drive a conventional turbine connected to a generator that produces electricity. Nevada Solar One, which sells its power to NV Energy, is the third-largest concentrating solar power plant in the world. In September, it was reported that BrightSource Energy has plans for a 900-MW concentrating solar project in Coyote Springs Valley, located at the convergence of U.S. 93 and the Clark/Lincoln County line. Construction could start as early as 2010.

For now, El Dorado and Nevada Solar One, neighbors on Southern Nevada's solar-energy block, represent the two methods by which we harness energy from the sun. The cost for solar power is less with photovoltaic panels, but concentrating solar is more efficient in that a greater percentage of sunlight can be converted to electricity. The advantage of panels is that they can easily be implemented outside of the plant structure, say on rooftops of businesses or homes, and they do not require water, a precious resource in the hot desert climate.



**Nellis Air Force  
Base's 72,000  
solar panels  
produce 14  
megawatts of  
electricity. —NV Energy**

### ON A CHILLY SEPTEMBER MORNING IN SOUTH RENO,

I'm standing on a hill alongside Paul Thomsen, director of policy and business development for Ormat Technologies, and *Nevada Magazine* intern Sydney Johnson. Thomsen has seen the view a hundred times, so he doesn't miss a beat while informing us about Ormat's six-part geothermal operation. Johnson and I, on the other hand, are dumbfounded. Our thoughts are similar: There's a power plant here? How have I never noticed it? How did I not know about it?

I snap out of my mini trance and tune into Thomsen. "It produces enough power to support the City of Reno's residential load [about a quarter of energy consumed]," he says. He points to the hundreds of cars passing by on U.S. 395 to the east, then to The Summit Reno mall and the freeway-bridge construction project to the north to demonstrate just how close to civilization the power plant is. Our idea of power plants, especially the conventional image of smokestacks that comes to mind, is that they're in the middle of nowhere. "No sound. No emissions. It's virtually benign," Thomsen says. "It's a very small footprint for the amount of power we produce."

The 100-MW operation—the first project was built in 1985 and the latest in 2008—might be unknown to most residents of Reno-Tahoe, but it's huge on Nevada's geothermal-energy landscape. While solar operations are expanding in the south, geothermal is picking up steam in the north. As opposed to solar and wind technologies, geothermal is a 24/7 process (known as base load power) and produces three times the amount of energy, according to Thomsen. In addition, there is very little wasted output. He says the six plants run at 95-percent capacity. Ormat's power is also sold to NV Energy.

Ormat Energy Converters utilize natural hot water (or brine) or steam, or both, to create electrical energy. The fluid flows from a wellhead through massive pipelines to heat exchangers. Here, the geothermal fluid heats and vaporizes a secondary fluid, usually organic hydrocarbon with a low boiling point. The vapors drive the turbine, which powers the generator, and then are cooled by air or water in a condenser. The condensed fluid is recycled back into the heat exchangers via a pump. Finally, the cooled geothermal fluid is reinjected into the geothermal reservoir. "The best thing to see here is what you don't see," Thomsen says.

However, it's also what we don't see that makes implementing geothermal power so difficult. "The biggest hurdle is drilling," Thomsen says. "There's a high cost, and it's risky. The permit-



Sempra Generation's El Dorado Energy Solar is a 10-megawatt thin-film solar power project on 80 acres of land in Boulder City. Completed in 2008, it is the largest operating thin-film solar development in North America. Sempra is planning a 48-megawatt solar expansion for late 2010.

ting process is time consuming, too. Once you have the resource, putting in the plant is the easy part." When professing the advantages of solar, Allman echoes that sentiment, comparing geothermal "mining" to drilling for oil. "It's not a perfect analogy, but you drill a hole, and you either find oil or you don't," he says. "[Geothermal] is only available where the resource [exists]."

Although the resources are sparser than sunlight, there are new geothermal projects popping up in Nevada. Ormat oversaw the construction of and built the equipment for Nevada Geothermal Power's Faulkner 1 power plant at Blue Mountain in Humboldt County, near Winnemucca. Thomsen emphasizes Ormat's dedication to Nevada workers. "We used a construction company out of Elko and an electrical company out of Carson City," he says. Expected to be on line in October of this year, it is projected that the plant will produce nearly 50 MWs. "NGP has achieved an enormous milestone with the completion of Faulkner 1, and we are excited to embark on a program of scalable growth in Nevada," says NGP president and CEO Brian Fairbank.

NGP has two other projects in the works. Pumpnickel, close to Blue Mountain, could produce as much as 30 MWs (enough for up to 24,000 homes) once the test-well phase proves successful. The Black Warrior project (not yet in the test stage), in Churchill and Washoe Counties, would link to existing power lines and could bring as much as 37 MWs on line in the next few years.

As with solar, none of these outputs come close to a 500- or 1,000-MW natural-gas plant, but there seems to be electrical strength in numbers.

**Since 2004, photovoltaic panels have been installed statewide at more than 500 locations. —NV Energy**





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**DENNIS AUKERMAN, MANAGER OF PREMIER MECHANICAL**

metal shop in Las Vegas, knows his company can see higher profits if he institutes dayshifts and nightshifts. The only drawback is the costly electric bill he has to pay each month. So, in August, he had NV Energy install a 30-foot wind turbine outside his business to take advantage of the Las Vegas Valley's consistent air stream. Whenever the wind blows, Aukerman's business automatically converts to wind energy, amounting to an energy cost savings of about 10 to 12 percent. The initial investment of a turbine is high—about \$20,000—but Aukerman will get \$6,000 back from NV Energy (the company's RenewableGenerations program provides such discounts) and an \$8,000 rebate from the federal government. The idea is that the \$6,000 out-of-pocket-investment eventually becomes profit based on the energy savings.

Premier Mechanical provides an example of how renewable energy can be utilized in a more domestic sense (the same concept



Nevada Geothermal Power owns the Blue Mountain geothermal project located in Humboldt County, near Winnemucca (above and top). The property covers 10,984 acres (17.2 square miles) and is located 21 miles from the state electrical transmission grid. Ormat Technologies oversaw the construction of and built the equipment for the project.



could be applied in a residential setting), but where does wind fit in on the large-scale utility front? Currently, there are no fully active wind-generation facilities in Nevada, but it's only a matter of time before there are. According to [windpowernevada.com](http://windpowernevada.com), "The largest contiguous lower elevation areas of good-to-excellent resources are located in Southern Nevada near Las Vegas and in eastern Nevada near Ely. Good-to-excellent wind resources are also located on the higher ridge crests throughout the state." In May 2005, the Nevada Commission on Economic Development issued a report that looked at the economic impact of wind farms in White Pine County in eastern Nevada. It concluded that it "could be a good economic event for the community."

In February, Las Vegas-based Nevada Wind Company was approved by the Washoe County Planning Commission for the construction of a 65- to 150-MW wind farm about 20 miles northeast of Sparks (Reno's neighbor). According to a 2009 article in the *Las Vegas Sun*, the company hopes to have the project completed and on line by the third quarter of 2010. Permits are always a challenge, but opposition is not always related to land use. Some residents contend that the wind turbines, some as tall as 300 feet, will ruin their mountain views. After all, many choose to live in Nevada because there is so much open land. Nevada Wind Company also has its eye on land near Ely for potential future projects.

NV Energy and Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc. are seeking regulatory approval to construct a 200-MW wind project near Jackpot along the Nevada-Idaho border. The Bureau of Land Management is leading the environmental review process for the proposed China Mountain project (the environmental impact statement should be out by next year). Each of the large wind turbines would produce two to three MWs of electricity.





#### IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A LUNCH DATE WITH TOM

**CLARK** to discuss the future of green energy in Nevada, you might error on the side of caution and figure you'll be back in the office in two hours. The man knows his green Nevada. Clark has been a non-lawyer lobbyist for Reno's Holland and Hart since 1995, specifically for renewable-energy companies since 2000. On this day, we're having lunch at Mom and Pop's Diner, a cozy establishment across the street from the Legislative building in Carson City.

Clark knows that building all too well. The 75th Regular Session of 2009 is about to wrap up, and you can tell he is well rehearsed: "You hear Harry Reid say that Nevada could become the Saudi Arabia of renewable energy, but I say we're going to become the Silicon Valley of renewable energy." Green-energy initiatives dominated this year's Legislature. Among the resolutions passed are the creation of a Nevada energy commissioner, who will help move along the cumbersome process of leasing land for development, and other bills meant to improve tax abatements for large-scale solar operations (important because these incentives can tip the scale for new companies in determining location). Surprisingly, the property tax abatements don't extend to geothermal companies. SB395 requires that 25 percent of electricity sold to consumers by energy companies in Nevada come from renewable resources by 2025.

Although he's been fighting tooth and nail as a proponent of green energy for four months in Nevada's capital, Clark is realistic about the obstacles that lie ahead. "The first hurdle [for new companies] is who to sell to," he says. "But the big one is transmission. Nevada doesn't have the power lines necessary to get the energy to the marketplace. There's no transmission line that connects the south to the north. The state is too rural." So it's easy to understand why a company such as Semptra, with existing lines, can make a

**Nevada ranks second in geothermal resources behind California. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, Nevada has enough geothermal potential to generate from 2,600 to 3,700 megawatts of energy. —NV Energy**

solar project work so well. In addition, Boulder City sees major economic benefits from taxes and leasing funds (even though the power goes to California).

Of course, Nevada's transmission conundrum is being addressed. NV Energy plans to construct a high voltage electric transmission line from the Ely area to a substation north of Las Vegas, linking Nevada's northern and southern electric systems for the first time. The proposed power line will provide greater access to wind and geothermal resources for Southern Nevada and better



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—NV Energy

access to solar energy for Northern Nevada. Pending regulatory approvals, the company hopes to have the project completed in 2012.

On a national level, U.S. Senate Majority Leader and native Nevadan Harry Reid is selling green energy as not only environmentally friendly, but a way to create jobs and help solve the state's unemployment crunch—a 13.2-percent jobless rate was reported in August, the second highest of any state next to Michigan. "Harnessing our state's clean-energy resources will provide jobs for decades to come, just as mining our hard-rock resources has continued to provide jobs throughout our history," Reid says in a recent statement. Former president Bill Clinton and president Barack Obama joined Reid on separate occasions in Southern Nevada this year, and recently U.S. Senator John Ensign toured Evergreen Recycling in Las Vegas. It seems as though all eyes are on Nevada to be at the forefront of green-energy production.

But Nevada's green-energy push is rife with competition. Many states in the West—Arizona and California especially—are right on Nevada's heels in hopes of greening up not only the planet, but their state's struggling economies. ▀



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# A MESSAGE FROM HARRY REID

The Democratic Senate Majority Leader, who grew up in Searchlight, 60 miles south of Las Vegas, has been campaigning for Nevada's green future.

Everyone knows Nevada for its fabulous tourist destinations in Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe, and Reno, but Nevada is also poised to be the leader in developing the nation's clean-energy economy. Our state has abundant renewable-energy resources. Southern Nevada is sunny nearly every day of the year.

The wind blows strongly in eastern Nevada and throughout the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, and just below the earth's surface powerful heat is waiting to be harnessed. But there are critical steps the Silver State needs to take to grow this industry so we can export energy to other states and create jobs for hard-working Nevadans.

I have been working with Nevada leaders in my Blue Ribbon Panel on Energy to cultivate cooperation across government, industry, academia, business, and utilities. Nevada's mayors, state legislators, and the congressional delegation, as well as representatives from the gaming industry, labor unions, environmental organizations, and Nevada's biggest power companies, meet regularly to share practices and build partnerships that are creating jobs in our cities and rural areas.

The progress Nevada is making on the renewable-energy front is being noticed across the country. Recently I hosted the second National Clean Energy Summit at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Some of the leading minds, including former President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, Energy Secretary Steven Chu, Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman Jon Wellinghoff, Assistant Energy Secretary Cathy Zoi, and energy investor T. Boone Pickens, gathered in Las Vegas. Several of these leaders joined me to tour places where clean energy is working for Nevada.

On our tour we saw how solar energy is being used to ensure our first responders can communicate in an emergency. We saw the largest private development project in the United States, CityCenter, which has invested in state-of-the-art efficiency technologies that will dramatically

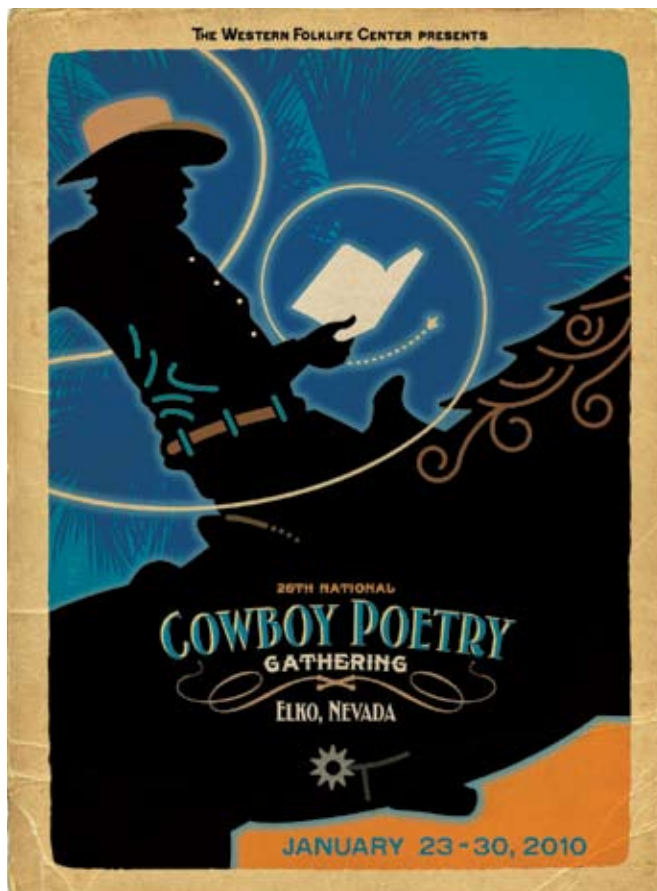
reduce energy and water use at its casinos, hotels, retail shops, and condominiums. We also met students at UNLV who are studying solar energy and will be future inventors, innovators, and employers.

One of the most important steps we must take is to expedite access to the clean renewable energy available on public lands in our wind-swept east, the geothermal west, and sun-soaked south. I am sponsoring legislation to cut the time it takes to site and build power lines to renewable-rich areas in the state and across the country. By creating a smarter grid that integrates renewables better and helps consumers save money, we can put more Nevadans to work developing and selling our clean and renewable power

to urban areas and other states. That kind of development will attract clean-energy technology firms and further help diversify the economy.

The future is now when it comes to Nevada's leadership in renewable energy. With the proper policies and investment, clean energy can be the fastest-growing industry in the state. We are already home to the largest solar photovoltaic energy facility in the western hemisphere that powers Nellis Air Force Base—the crown jewel of the U.S. Air Force. The Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, has just announced further dedication of federal lands in our state to spur faster solar-energy development. With help from the economic-recovery package and the attention of the state's leaders, Nevada is moving forward on building a strong clean-energy sector. ■





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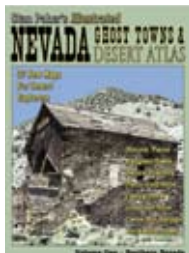


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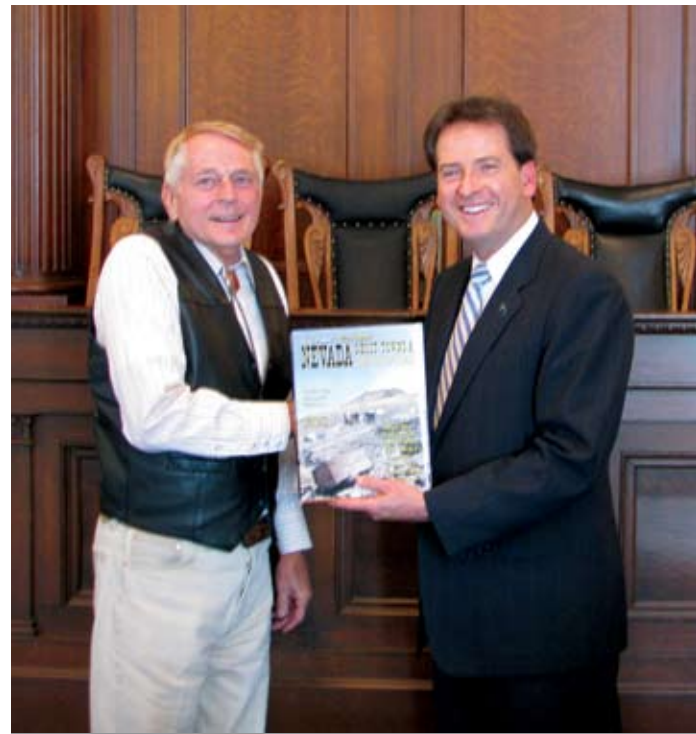
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Any history of Nevada would be incomplete without mentioning the impact of mining on Nevada's economic development and tourism industries, past and present. The release of Stan Paher's *Nevada Ghost Towns & Desert Atlas* (left) directs tourists and residents to the historical remnants of Nevada's original industry: mining. Paher's *Atlas* is a companion book to his award-winning *Nevada Ghost Towns & Mining Camps* (see photo; Paher at left, Krolicki at right).

Paher, a native of Las Vegas and author of 19 historical books, has been fascinated by Nevada's earliest settlements for most of his life. He started his first book on these camps and towns in 1965 and within five years had completed the first edition of *Nevada Ghost Towns & Mining Camps*. The book consists of short histories of the various settlements and towns that peppered the Nevada desert, how they grew and faded, and what remains of them today. Over the last 40 years, the book has undergone 14 printings and sold nearly 70,000 copies.

Paher's *Atlas* comes in three versions: one covering Northern Nevada, one for Southern Nevada, and a statewide version. They direct the adventurous to the settlements created by, and the natural formations encountered by, the Silver State's earliest travelers and settlers. Like his original work on the subject, the atlases are arranged geographically, taking the reader clockwise from western Nevada eastward, then through

Southern Nevada and Death Valley, before ending in California's eastern Sierra.

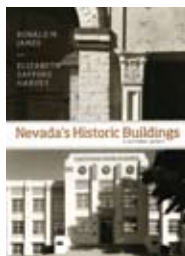
With more than 2,200 places to explore in the state, and complete with 71 updated color maps and hundreds of historical photographs, it is hard to imagine a more definitive and complete guide for the Nevada explorer. The locations include more than 780 ghost towns, stage station sites, and smaller gold and silver mining camps that once flourished. For the "rock hounds," Paher identifies 165 gemstone-hunting areas, as well as more than 100 placer gold mining districts. Additionally, the color maps show the routes of the early emigrant trails, the Pony Express and Old Spanish trails, caves, hot springs, and other significant historic and recreational areas.

We Nevadans are proud of our rich history of mining camps. Nevada lore is replete with stories of boomtowns that would spring up from nowhere as rumors of claims spread from town to town and would just as quickly fade into the desert sand as miners moved to keep up with each new strike. More than a century later, mining remains one of our most important industries. Our proud history in mining is attractive to many who share an interest in the way things used to be in the open desert. Paher's remarkable writings on these subjects are accessible, concise, detailed, and provide rich information for those who are interested in knowing and seeing more of our state's great past. ▀



**Nevada's Environmental Legacy—Progress or Plunder**  
By James W. Hulse,  
University of Nevada  
Press, unpress.  
nevada.edu, 775-784-  
6573, 176 pages

Historian and Nevada native James W. Hulse considers the state's complex environmental history as a series of Faustian bargains between Nevada's need for economic development and the industries, government agencies, and individuals that have exploited its natural resources with little concern for the long-term consequences of their actions. He also examines the role of federal and state agencies in creating, interpreting, and enforcing policies.



**Nevada's Historic Buildings—A Cultural Legacy**  
By Ronald M. James,  
Elizabeth Safford  
Harvey, and Thomas  
Perkins, University of  
Nevada Press, unpress.  
nevada.edu, 775-784-  
6573, 240 pages, 93 b/w  
photos, one map

*Nevada's Historic Buildings* highlights structures that reflect the resourcefulness and innovation of early settlers struggling to inhabit an austere environment as well as the diversification of Nevada's economy and population. Describing them in the context of the state's history and the character of the people who created and used them, there are reminders of mining boomtowns, historic ranches, transportation, the divorce and gaming industries, and the New Deal.



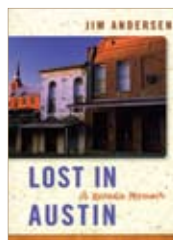
**Vegas 360°**  
Photography by Thomas R. Schiff, Bright  
City Books, brightcitybooks.com, 510-527-  
6384, 131 pages, 64 full-color images

In addition to its numerous color images, *Vegas 360°* is also "illustrated" with essays by prominent Las Vegas observers Kim Thomas, author of *Vegas: One Cop's Journey* and *Dope Opera*; Matthew O'Brien, author of *Beneath the Neon: Life and Death in the Tunnels of Las Vegas*; Douglas Unger, author of *Leaving the Land* and *Voices from Silence*; and more. Seven sparkling essays enhance the vision of Schiff's luminous photographs.



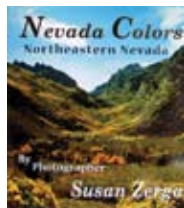
**John Mackay—Silver King in the Gilded Age**  
By Michael J. Makley,  
University of Nevada  
Press, unpress.nevada.  
edu, 775-784-6573,  
296 pages

From the early 1870s until his death in 1902, Mackay was among the richest men in the world, and he was the wealthiest man to emerge from the discovery of the Comstock Lode. This fascinating biography contributes significantly to our understanding of the development of Nevada and the West.



**Lost in Austin—A Nevada Memoir**  
By Jim Andersen,  
University of Nevada  
Press, unpress nevada.  
edu, 775-784-6573,  
152 pages

In 1974, Jim Andersen and his wife, tired of the congestion and high taxes in California, decided to start a new life in rural Nevada. Andersen's account of his life in Austin is a charming, sometimes hilarious, account of city folks adapting to life in a small town.



**Nevada Colors—Northeastern Nevada**  
By Susan Zerga,  
Artful Dragon Press,  
artfuldragon.com,  
800-630-1117, 167  
pages, 167 color  
photos

Lamoille photographer Susan Zerga presents northeastern Nevada in full color, from wild-horse herds to the ranching life and seasonal changes that mark the region's wildlife and flora.



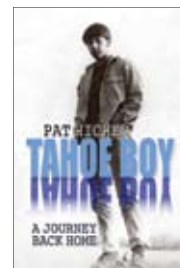
**Nevada Curiosities—Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities, & Other Offbeat Stuff**  
By Richard Moreno,  
Globe Pequot Press,  
globepequot.com,  
203-458-4646, 272  
pages

Whether you're a born-and-raised Nevadan, a recent transplant, or just passing through, *Nevada Curiosities* will have you laughing out loud as it introduces you to the most fascinating characters in the Silver State and takes you places you never could have imagined.



**The Roots of Reno**  
By Al W. Moe, Book  
Surge Publishing,  
booksurge.com, 866-  
308-6235, 252 pages

Reno grew into "The Biggest Little City in the World" with the help of four casino pioneers: Nick Abelman, Bill Graham, Jim McKay, and George Wingfield. They took the millions they dug up in central Nevada boomtowns and settled into Reno and Lake Tahoe to change the face of casinos forever.



**Tahoe Boy—A Journey Back Home**  
By Pat Hickey,  
Seven Locks Press,  
sevenlockspublishing.  
com, 800-354-5348,  
288 pages

The saga of a boy who grew up in the turbulent 1960s around the lake Mark Twain called the fairest picture the world affords, *Tahoe Boy* chronicles his daring journey through life. When he returns to the lake, will all the pieces of life's puzzle fit into the boy from Tahoe's dreams?

## WORTH A VISIT

### Vegas Valley Book Festival

The Southern Nevada festival, November 4-8, brings together those who love to read and write books. The gathering presents a full schedule of readings, panel discussions, book signings, workshops, poetry and spoken word performances, exhibitions, children's literature, and special events. Most events are free and open to the public.  
[artslasvegas.org/vvbf](http://artslasvegas.org/vvbf)

### Bauman Rare Books

"Bauman Rare Books has evolved into one of the finest and most respected antiquarian book firms in existence today," reads the company's Web site. In 2008, it opened its third location, a gallery in the Palazzo Las Vegas, which replicates Bauman's Madison Avenue gallery in New York.  
[baumanrarebooks.com](http://baumanrarebooks.com)

### Grassroots Books

Grassroots Books opened its doors in Reno this summer. The new and used bookstore has made a name for itself buying customers' books at generous prices and donating books to local charities.  
[grassrootsbooks.com](http://grassrootsbooks.com)

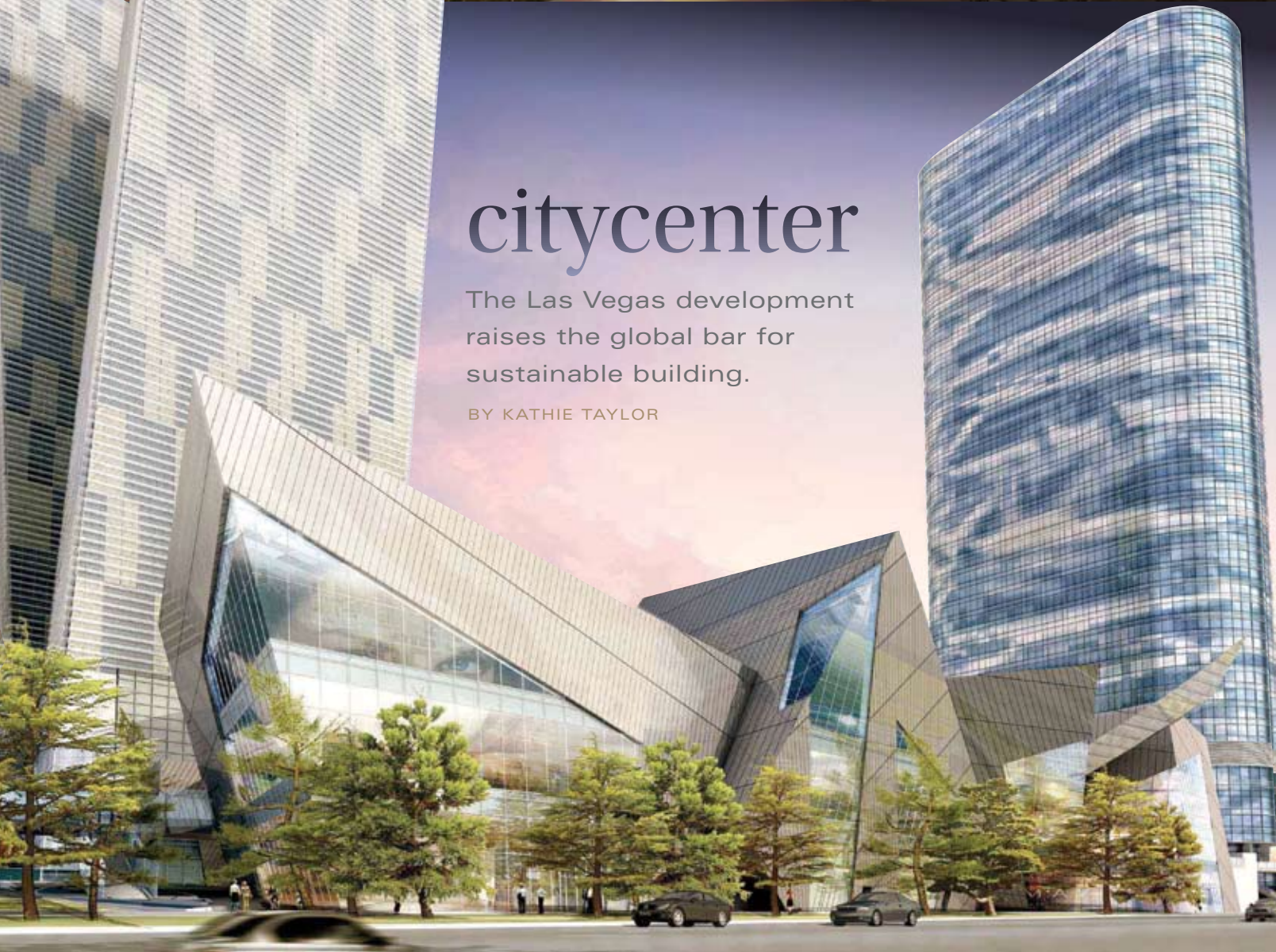




# citycenter

The Las Vegas development  
raises the global bar for  
sustainable building.

BY KATHIE TAYLOR





By 2020, the United States has the potential to reduce annual non-transportation energy consumption by about 23 percent, eliminating trillions of dollars in waste and resulting in a significant reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. This equates, annually, to removing every passenger vehicle and light truck from U.S. roads, according to a study released this year by global business strategy-consulting firm McKinsey & Company.

But, making that happen will require billions of dollars in up-front costs, and the biggest challenge might be forging alliances between all involved—utilities, regulators, manufacturers, government agencies, and energy consumers.

As the national debate over energy efficiency rages on in the halls of Congress, MGM is tackling the issue right here in Nevada. The gaming, hospitality, and entertainment company redefines urban lifestyle and Las Vegas luxury with the opening of CityCenter in December. The new destination takes on the challenge of bringing something new and exciting to the Strip, while establishing a union between Las Vegas glitz and sustainable living. “From the beginning, we said we didn’t want to do [stereotypical] Vegas,” says Cindy Ortega, MGM senior vice president of energy and environmental services. “We wanted to really stretch with this project, make it fully sustainable, and still hit top-notch luxury.”

Pioneering large-scale green began with studying what environmental responsibility meant in 2005 when they started developing the property, which required cooperation and collaboration from every facet of the operation. “All the stakeholders had different priorities,” Ortega says. “We had to think of what that perspective would be from 2005 to 2010.”

With such goals as water conservation, preserving indoor air quality, energy savings, and alternative transportation at the forefront, the design team drew up what would become one of the world’s largest LEED-certified communities. “LEED certification is a cooperative process between the owner, designer, and contractor,” says Sarah Mojzer, communication committee chair for the Nevada Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council. “Planning from the beginning helps [those involved] to make the right decisions, and the [buildings are] designed to take the best advantage of the site and materials.”

CityCenter stands on the former site of the Boardwalk Hotel. The previous structure was imploded, and 85 percent of the remains have been put to use for CityCenter’s construction or sent to be used elsewhere. Crushed blocks and mortar were used as concrete and asphalt aggregate and for dust abatement during construction. Even curtains and carpets were repurposed into packing material used to ship recycled whole and broken glass and bathroom fixtures to other countries for reuse. Other sustainable construction measures include:



## IN AND AROUND CITYCENTER:

The 67-acre CityCenter is comprised of a variety of urban dwellings:

■ **ARIA:** a 61-story luxury gaming resort with 4,004 rooms; three primary pools and one European-style pool; 16 restaurants; a nightclub and numerous other bars and lounges; a spa and full-service salon; a fitness center; and a theater housing Cirque du Soleil’s tribute to Elvis Presley. The hotel tower, convention center, and theater are LEED Gold certified.

■ **CityCenter’s Fine Art Collection:** existing works and pieces specifically commissioned for CityCenter populate public spaces with contemporary masterpieces from 20th- and 21st-century artists, including Maya Lin, Jenny Holzer, and Nancy Rubins.

■ **Crystals:** half a million square feet of luxury retail shops, restaurants, and entertainment.

■ **The Harmon Hotel:** a luxury boutique hotel slated to open in late 2010.

■ **Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas:** a 47-story non-gaming hotel with 392 rooms and suites and 227 residential condos. Opens December 4 and features Twist, a posh French restaurant.

■ **Vdara Hotel & Spa at CityCenter:** an all-suite non-gaming and non-smoking boutique hotel with a high-energy pool, internationally inspired restaurant, lounge, and wellness spa. The hotel is also LEED Gold certified.

■ **Veer Towers:** private high-rise residential space, including infinity edge pool, hot tub, and sun deck; private recreation and media rooms; a fitness center; and steam rooms.



With unemployment at nearly 13 percent in Nevada (as of September), CityCenter brings some much-needed relief to Las Vegas in creating some 12,000 jobs. The development was lauded for its energy conservation initiatives at this summer's National Clean Energy Summit in Las Vegas.

▲ Evergreen Recycling, CityCenter's official construction recycling company, diverted more than 125,000 tons of material from landfills.

▲ Ventilation systems were sealed prior to installation and start-up to protect them from construction dust, smoke, and harmful particles (smoking is prohibited on the construction site, which will increase indoor air quality upon opening the facility). Guest rooms are sealed to prevent the migration of smoke.

▲ Wood used in construction was certified by the Forest Stewardship Council and taken from forests with responsible management practices.

▲ Low volatile organic compound (VOC) paints and sustainable-certified carpets were implemented.

Ortega says MGM is proud of its

commitment to LEED certification over a cost-versus-benefit approach. "Everybody starts a project wanting the most green," she says. "No one says let's raze and pillage and build low-performance buildings, but as the costs add up, sustainability [often] gets edged out."

Not so with CityCenter. Ortega says she and her team spent years targeting the highest possible number of credits for LEED certification. Among the ways CityCenter sets the standard for sustainable construction are:

▲ An on-site natural gas co-generation power plant provides 10 percent of CityCenter's electricity. Waste heat from power generation warms all domestic water at the site, including the pools.

▲ Energy efficient exterior features reduce heat transfer from the sun.

▲ Custom-designed water-saving fixtures reduce water use by a third.

▲ Native desert landscaping is watered with a moisture control system.

▲ A fleet of 26 compressed natural gas stretch limos, the first of their kind.

▲ Energy efficient signs, marquees, and slot machines.

As each building at CityCenter opens, it undergoes operational greening as well, such as smarter paper use and buying in large quantities to reduce packaging and innovative waste management. "We recycle to a higher percentage than [elsewhere] on the Strip. We make it easy to separate recyclables to send as little as possible to the landfill," Ortega says. CityCenter employees undergo LEED training to complement CityCenter's commitment to green initiatives:





CityCenter's unique design, particularly Crystals, the oblong-shaped innovative shopping experience, makes it stand out on the Las Vegas Strip. The development, to open in December, will be tied to the Las Vegas Monorail, expected to eventually connect to McCarran International Airport.

▲ Farm-to-table ingredients are purchased from responsible local growers in many CityCenter restaurants and eateries.

▲ Organic or wild-crafted paraben-free (chemicals used as preservatives in cosmetics) products and recycled paper products are used in spas.

▲ Environmentally friendly cleaning practices.

▲ Environmentally responsible options for incorporating sustainability into meetings, conventions, and events held at CityCenter.

Ortega says the process has been very complex and at times, tedious. "We've spent three and a half years working on this, and at some point you realize you're just not going to get everything done. But every step is a good step; every contribution is a good

contribution. We keep raising the bar to do better." She says once CityCenter set that bar, other MGM properties joined in. "Existing properties started jockeying for better waste management and water conservation and competing with each other in a ripple effect throughout the community."

Steve Rypka, co-founder of the USGBC Nevada Chapter and owner of Greendreams Enterprises in Las Vegas, says CityCenter is a groundbreaking leader in green building. "Las Vegas is going from the greed capital to the green capital," he says. "It's a persona change—dynamic, inviting, and fun—and a sustainable community." He says the global community now has a bar of its own to reach for. "If we can create this here, we can create it anywhere." ▀

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**12 + 7: Artists & Architects of CityCenter**  
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## a lesson in preservation

Las Vegas' Springs Preserve teaches us the importance of protecting our natural resources.

BY CONNIE MANCILLAS

It's hard to believe that for centuries human inhabitants congregated around a small parcel of lush, fertile land in the middle of what is now Las Vegas. The freshwater springs and surrounding meadow attracted Mormon and Spanish settlers to the area in the 1800s. Spaniards called the area "Las Vegas," which translates to "the meadows."

Over time, railroad owners purchased land and water rights near the springs to power their steam locomotives. The advent of the railroad created a booming Las Vegas town site. However, by the 1960s, humans had sucked the springs dry. The tale is as much a lesson in the consequences of water depletion as any from Nevada's past. Today, the area is the site of Springs Preserve, where locals and visitors learn how to become stewards of our environment and sustain a quality of life for themselves and future generations.

Ten years of planning went into the development and design of Springs Preserve, which opened in 2007. The development is a 180-acre campus located a short distance from the Las Vegas Strip. In 2008, more than 200,000 visitors experienced its 200-plus interactive exhibits.

The property's seven buildings are LEED Platinum certified by the U.S. Green Building Council for sustainable architectural design, construction, and operation. Solar panels generate enough energy to power 75 percent of the attractions. Two large buildings have walls constructed of straw bales.

All water used at the facility, as well as the rain collected by butterfly roofs and cisterns, is filtered and recycled for landscape irrigation and water features and also piped back into the restrooms.

Although the Preserve is an innovator in green technology, it mostly wants guests to explore the property's educational aspects. That experience consists



The ORI-GEN Experience's flash-flood exhibit room (above) sends 5,000 gallons of water crashing through a simulated ravine.

of strolling through a variety of gardens, which include more than 128,000 plants. Demonstrations and displays feature irrigation systems, gardening techniques, and various materials that can be used for mulches, including tumbled, colored glass. Landfills contain 75 percent of the 40 billion glass bottles made each year. This unique alternative for mulch





makes a landscaped area that much more sustainable by keeping glass out of the landfills—which is good for the environment—as well as maintaining moisture in the soil. Plus, the colors add aesthetic value to any planting project.

The Sustainability Gallery demonstrates what lifestyle changes people can make to become more environmentally responsible. Wherever you live, the sensory journey through this gallery offers valuable insight for adults and children. “This is a wonderful educational setting for my fourth grade daughter who is learning about geology, recycling, and energy conservation at school,” says Alexandra Handley, who is visiting the Springs Preserve from York, Pennsylvania with her family.

You can also look under the

hood at the engine of a hybrid vehicle or walk through the “green house” and see cabinets made from husks of sunflower seeds and counter tops created from recycled paper. Meanwhile, you’re standing on carpet made from recycled plastic soda bottles and floors

The eight-acre botanical Gardens feature the Watering Can Theater (above), for irrigation instruction.

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#### RATES

##### **Nevada Residents**

Adults: \$9.95 (Seniors, Students, Teachers, & Military: \$8.95)  
Children (5-17): \$4.95  
Younger than 5: Free

##### **General Admission**

Adults: \$18.95  
Children (4-17): \$10.95  
Younger than 4: Free  
*The Gardens, trails, children’s play area, café, and gift shop are free to the public.*





made from bamboo. The kitty box even contains wheat litter!

Locals and tourists can participate in hundreds of classes, seminars, and other offerings. The Springs Preserve staff includes a number of curators, as well as a biologist, ecologist, archaeologist, and horticulturist. There are classes such as “How Big Is Your Carbon Footprint,” “Green Weddings,” and “Edible Flowers and Landscapes.”

Historical and archaeological displays guide guests along walking trails containing historical springhouses, water derricks, and ancestral Puebloan pit houses. The Cienega Trail replicates the original springs’ desert wetland ecosystem. This lush vegetation has attracted wildlife to the site, including 30 species of birds. A simulated canyon is home to animals that are native to the desert area, including a brown recluse spider and grey fox.

In the ORI-GEN Experience, hands-on participation is highly encouraged. Exhibits explain the history of the springs,



as well as what the future may hold for generations to come. This is your chance to participate in the re-creation of the 1905 land auction, sit among other riders

in a replica of an early 20th-century train traveling into Las Vegas, stand over the Colorado River and watch as Hoover Dam is constructed before your eyes, or

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER GALLERY EXHIBITS



### Robert Beckmann: Elemental Landscape

Big Springs Gallery in the ORI-GEN Experience  
Thru Jan. 6, 2010

Free with general admission and for annual pass members

Currently living in Oregon, Beckmann is a long-time Las Vegas artist whose paintings skillfully capture the essence encountered in both locales. Elemental Landscape features oil paintings of the Las Vegas Wash and Pacific Northwest using waterways as a common thread to these two very different environments.

### Act Responsible—Advertising Sustainability

Patio Gallery in the Desert Living Center  
Nov. 14 - March 14, 2010

Free with general admission and for annual pass members

Originally collected by Advertising Community Together, this exhibit showcases advertisements from around the world, connected by the common theme of sustainability. Ad professionals are in a unique position to help promote awareness, as their work is seen by millions of people.

As an exhibit visitor, you are invited to share your responses to these advertisements and the greater issues they bring to your attention. This exhibit strives to show that each of us can make a difference by educating ourselves, and others, by minimizing our use of resources and demanding change.



PHOTOS: SUSAN GIBBS (TOP AND LEFT), CHARLIE JOHNSTON (BOTTOM RIGHT)





After you stroll through the botanical Gardens (opposite page), you can learn how desert animals such as this lizard have adapted to survive the desert elements.

stand by as 5,000 gallons of water simulate a flash flood. A series of cylinders show how increases in population in Las Vegas since the 1940s have affected water demand.

Nancy Sandle, a Las Vegas resident, visited the ORI-GEN Experience with

her two grandchildren. "They absolutely love it here! They are so fascinated with all the exhibits and enjoy coming so much that we've purchased annual passes the past two years," she says. The arcade in the ORI-GEN reinforces sustainability principles with such features

as the Lawn Gobbler, the Preserve's version of Pac-Man. For a more realistic activity, one can maneuver a SkyNews helicopter over the Las Vegas Strip and pick up news stories along the way. "I believe people truly learn when they are engaged and entertained. Just taking time to play can teach a lot," says Springs Preserve representative Pietra Sardelli.

Just when you think you've experienced all that the Preserve has to offer, there's still more. You can even learn the art of Gyotake (fish printing), practice disciplines of yoga and Tai Chi, or sign up for on- and off-site guided tours.

Or perhaps you'd rather attend a concert at the outdoor amphitheater, have lunch at the Springs Café by Wolfgang Puck, or walk through galleries of featured artists and traveling exhibits. Whether you're a science buff, history buff, or a child at heart, Springs Preserve will entertain as well as educate. ▀

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The Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences is the first building in the Lake Tahoe Basin to achieve LEED Platinum certification. Its basement (opposite page) features color-coded pipes that educate visitors about water conservation.

## going green to protect big blue

Incline Village's Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences sets the educational standard for sustainability.

BY MELISSA SIIG



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The Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences' spacious, brightly lit basement is filled with cheerfully painted pipes and the quiet hum of machinery. The pipes are neatly labeled to identify their function: cold, hot, and reclaimed water. Wide pathways between the equipment provide ample space for people to walk. There's not a cobweb or piece of junk to be seen.

TCES's basement is not your average cellar. Rather than a dark, dungeon-like space intended only for storage and use by the maintenance crew, the center's bottom floor was designed with the public in mind. It is, in fact, a classroom. "The architects made the basement inviting," says Heather Segale, education and outreach

coordinator with the UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center who manages the public education center and public outreach programs inside TCES. "All the pipes are color-coded and labeled so we can teach about green building and sustainability."

The TCES, located in Incline Village, is a collaboration between Sierra Nevada College and UC Davis in partnership with the Desert Research Institute and the University of Nevada, Reno. It's one of the premier institutions in the world devoted to the studies of lakes, in particular the ecology and water quality of Lake Tahoe. In designing the 58,000-square-foot building, which opened in 2006, UC Davis and SNC officials decided to make it not only a place where scientists, students, and visitors can learn about



Tahoe's environment and how to protect it, but also a model green building that serves as an example of sustainable development.

In 2007, the TCES building received a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Platinum certification—the highest level available—from the U.S. Green Building Council. At the time, it was the first building in Nevada and one of only 26 facilities and five labs in the world to earn Platinum recognition. “Everything we’re doing is related to protecting the environment, so we felt the building should do the same,” Segale says.

Visitors can learn what goes into creating a LEED Platinum building on TCES’s green-building tour, which is held based on demand Tuesday through Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. “If you’re building a new home, this is a great tour to come on,” says Segale, who was

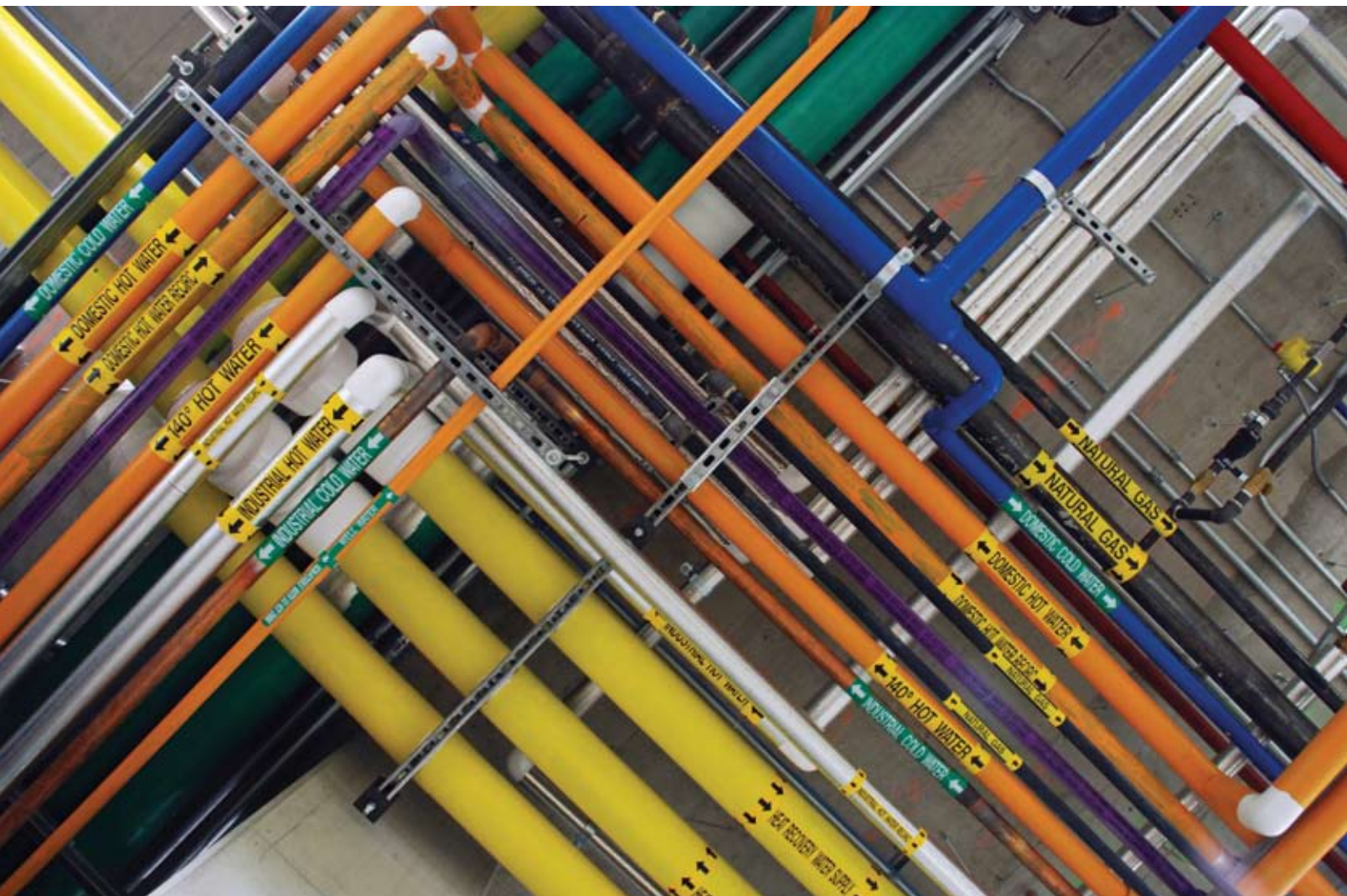
inspired to make green choices—such as bamboo flooring and low-VOC paint (volatile organic compounds release low-level toxic emissions into the air years after application)—when remodeling her own home. “With every little decision, it made me think about it more and not just [make] the designer choice.”

The TCES building was designed to minimize environmental impact by following the key principles of green building—ecological site development, energy and water conservation, and occupant comfort and health. In terms of energy efficiency, the facility uses 60 percent less than a similar-sized building. It’s able to do this through the use of photovoltaic solar panels on the roof, which provide 10 to 20 percent of the building’s annual energy demand (during the summer months, the panels provide one-third of the building’s

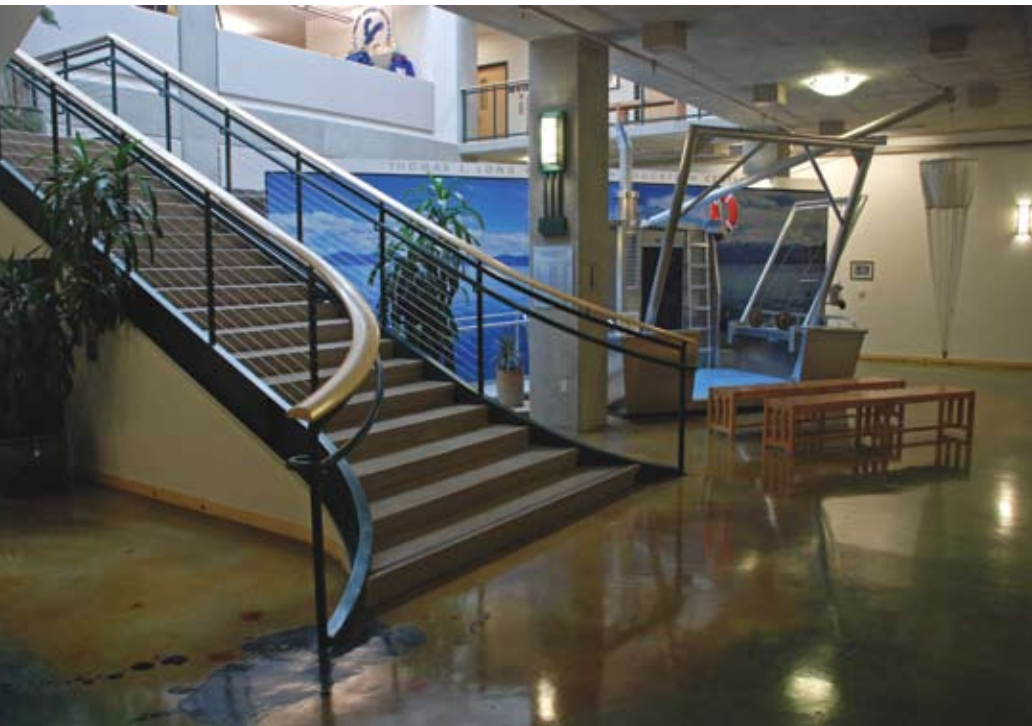
#### LAKE STUDY

The UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center, located inside the Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences, has played a lead role in working with state, federal, and local resource management and regulatory agencies in the Tahoe Basin. Most notably, UC Davis research efforts and outreach has increased community awareness of the steady loss of water clarity in Lake Tahoe. Currently, this research is being used in the development of the Lake Tahoe TMDL, a process whereby sources of pollutants are identified and quantified, levels of required pollutant reduction are determined, and a strategy for load reduction is decided on.

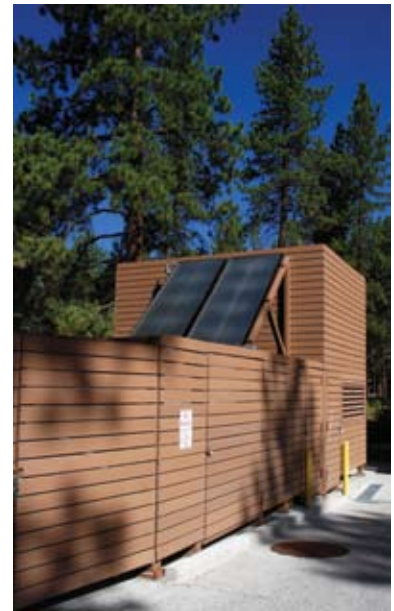
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The UC Davis Thomas J. Long Foundation Center (left) is open Tuesday to Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. The complex utilizes photovoltaic solar panels (right) throughout the property.



energy); an evaporative cooling tower that employs only 5 to 10 percent of the energy needed to operate traditional air conditioning; and a co-generation system that captures heat exhaust from a natural gas-fired generator. “Gas is essentially used two times—once to make electricity and [again] to heat the building,” explains Chuck Levitan, SNC professor of natural sciences and TCES green exhibits manager. “This is one of the most cost-effective systems in the building.”

Posters and an animated computer screen in the lobby explain how the building’s 15 operational systems work. Soon to be added is a Building Dashboard, which will provide real-time energy monitoring, both as a lobby exhibit and on the Web. “You will be able to see exactly what percentage of energy comes from solar, et cetera,” Segale says.

The architects and designers made every effort to use sustainable and local materials to reduce the building’s environmental footprint. Rain and snowmelt

is collected in a 3,000-gallon tank that supplies 80 percent of the water for the facility’s low-flush toilets. The landscaping is composed of native, low-water vegetation such as aspens, lupines, and penstamons. All the boulders used in the landscape come from the hole dug for the foundation, and the mulch was made from trees felled during construction. Even the trim and wainscoting in the lobby’s interior was made from pine trees harvested from the building’s footprint and milled on site.

The lobby contains a hands-on materials display where visitors can see and touch all the materials used in the building. This includes samples of the ceiling tiles, made from recycled newspaper, a piece of old blue jeans from the recycled denim insulation, and a close-up of Hardiboard, the concrete mixture used for the building’s “wood” siding. Concrete is more durable than wood and requires little maintenance. The lobby’s floor is also concrete, stained different shades of

blue to match Lake Tahoe.

Lastly, the building was designed to be a welcoming environment, both for employees and visitors. More than 90 percent of the space has a direct view of the outdoors, and all rooms have some natural lighting. The building’s atrium, with large skylights, provides daylight to the middle of the building and lobby and reduces the need for electrical lighting. While most traditional buildings have forced air, which is 85 percent recycled, the TCES has a plenum that brings 100 percent fresh air into the building. “When people get outside views and natural light, they are healthier,” Levitan says. “There’s lower absenteeism and sick days and higher retention.”

All of this makes for an inspiring place to work. “It’s an honor, especially being an environmental sciences building,” says SNC junior and UC Davis intern Steven Sesma. “It’s amazing to put both science and helping the environment together.”



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# LAUGHLIN

Amazing winter weather, favorable prices, and river recreation make this Southern Nevada town an attractive year-round escape.

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN

Of the 12,000 or so hours Don Laughlin has spent piloting helicopters and fixed-wing planes, one particular flight in 1964 set into motion the founding of Laughlin.

Laughlin—the man—was in the market for border real estate in Nevada and had flown as far north as Jackpot and journeyed as far west as Stateline. But it was a bankrupt eight-room hotel and bar on the banks of the Colorado River in which Laughlin saw the most potential. With a down payment of \$35,000, the casino mogul beat out several interested parties for the land, and for Laughlin—the town—the rest is history. Over time, six acres grew into almost 200 and the home of one of the gems of the town's mini Strip on the water, Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort.

As a result of several expansions, the Riverside is home to an auto museum,

bowling alley, cinema, kids center, nightclubs, fine dining, you name it. As Laughlin will tell you, the town has all the plush amenities you'll find in nearby Las Vegas, only a lot cheaper. "The biggest [draw] is that prices are a quarter of what they charge in Vegas," he says. "We've got a view of the Colorado River, good lounge entertainment, and a down-home atmosphere." Plus, have you ever taken a water taxi in Sin City?

And don't think the Riverside can't compete with the eccentric side of Las Vegas. While Steve Wynn might be looking at his reflection in a pristine Ferrari at his hotel's dealership, Laughlin is landing his helicopter on a custom pad on the top of his namesake resort.

Laughlin even spent \$3.5 million in 1987 to fund a bridge that spans the Colorado, then in 1991 backed the construction of Laughlin Bullhead Airport. As



## LAUGHLIN

Established: 1965  
Population: 9,325  
(city-data.com)  
Elevation: 535

important as his contributions have been to the area, his ego did not factor into the naming of the town—Laughlin suggested Riverside, but the postal inspector insisted on Laughlin.

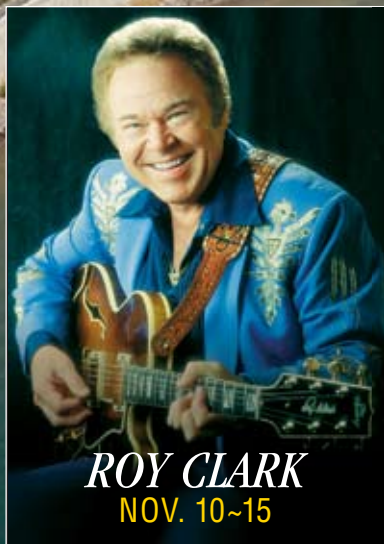
In addition to the Riverside, the town boasts eight resort hotels: Aquarius, Colorado Belle, Edgewater, Golden Nugget, Harrah's Laughlin, Pioneer, River Palms, and Tropicana Express. Harrah's private, soft sand beach beckons visitors May through September, when you can expect average highs to be between 95 and 115 degrees.

In the winter, an upper-60-degree day is not uncommon in Laughlin, making it a favorite destination for snowbirds looking to escape the winter freeze in other regions. While some resort destinations cringe at the thought of winter spoiling the height of tourist season, summer and fall, Laughlin welcomes it with open

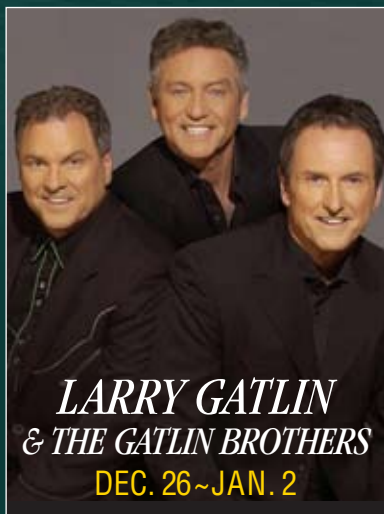




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arms. The area has also become a hub for car and motorcycle buffs, with such gatherings as the Roddin' on the River Car Show and the Run to Fun.

And what Vegas doesn't have, a major waterway, Laughlin takes full advantage of. Tourists can take a relaxing cruise on the *USS Riverside*, and most casinos offer a rental service: enjoy a day on a Wave-Runner from Watercraft Adventures, check out Jerkwater Canoe Co., or hop aboard a fishing boat at Capt. Doyle's.

Laughlin makes a perfect base camp for daytrips to Hoover Dam (don't forget its impressive little brother, Davis Dam), Lakes Mead and Mohave, Big Bend State Park (camping, beaches, and boat launching), Colorado River Museum, and Grapevine Canyon, where you can view American Indian petroglyphs. In neighboring Arizona to the east, you can explore the ghost town of Oatman before zipping over Rennie's London Bridge in Lake Havasu City. The bridge, sold to American entrepreneur Robert P. McCulloch and reconstructed in Arizona in the early 1970s, has become the state's second-biggest tourist attraction next to the Grand Canyon. ▀



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**2009 Senior Games,**  
November 3-8

**Express Run Car Show,**  
November 5-8

**Hobo Stew & Dance,**  
November 11

**Bash 4 Cash Softball Tournament,**  
November 13-15

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## CONTACT

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On Thursday, November 12, we will meet and greet visitors and Laughlin citizens at 5 p.m. at the Laughlin Chamber mixer at Harrah's Laughlin. We invite you to visit our booth.

## A LOOK BACK: TOUR AROUND NEVADA 2009

### January/February

Verdi: On January 10, we celebrated the grand opening of the Verdi History Center.

### March/April

Battle Mountain: We spent a day at the Battle Mountain High School Rodeo on April 18.

### May/June

Genoa: This summer's first Sunday Concert on the Green took place June 21, and we joined the festivities.

### July/August

Tonopah: On August 8, we took part in the annual Boomtown History Event.

### September/October

Pahrump: During the last weekend of September, we enjoyed three days at the Pahrump Fall Festival.

### November/December

Laughlin: See story above.







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## eating green

If you're thinking salad, that's a start, but healthy decisions (with the planet in mind) begin with how and where you obtain the ingredients.

BY JULIE HESSION

Living green is easier and more cost effective than you might think, and you can start with one of our favorite activities: eating.

By supporting local farmers, using sustainable materials, and adopting green practices, an increasing number of Nevada food establishments—and individuals—are setting a good example for the community.

### EAT LOCALLY

Whether you shop at one of Nevada's farmers' markets or purchase products from local vendors, buying your food close to home lessens environmental impact by reducing harmful carbon-dioxide emissions, a byproduct of some food transportation. In turn, local businesses benefit when money is kept in the community. Seasonal by definition, local produce keeps consumers connected to the seasons.

A trip to the year-round Friday after-

noon Fremont Street farmers' market, one of three weekly Las Vegas locations, proves that local producers are as plentiful as they are diverse. According to Ginger and Steve Johnson, Southern Nevada farmers who helped organize the first market in 1999, "Make it, bake it, grow it, or sew it" is their theme. Inspired by the sights and smells of Seattle's Pike Place Market, the Johnsons started the Las Vegas version so they would have a place to sell their corn. Today, the markets offer produce grown by six farmers from Nevada and neighboring states. Visitors can also nibble on freshly baked bread, sweet buttered corn, and barbecue.

One market vendor, Edibles by Elyce, offers a pesticide-free line of salsas, spreads, and hummus. Owner Elyce Sassoon goes one step further by using the produce grown by fellow vendors as ingredients in her top sellers, Ali Baba Ghanoush and Avocado Creamy Dippy Spread. Sassoon says that participating in the farmers' markets allows her to interact with customers, answer questions

about her products, and see peoples' reactions firsthand.

Made-from-scratch brownies and chocolate-chip cookies are customer favorites prepared by another vendor, Sasa Sweets. Owners Joe and Liza Vergara sell their desserts at four weekly locations, including two Henderson farmers' markets. "Farmers' markets are the best way for local businesses to connect with the community," Joe says. "These grassroots organizations allow us to travel to the customers, instead of the customers coming to us."

Locally Grown is a special program started by Whole Foods Market to support local businesses, providing them with a unique opportunity to put their products on Whole Foods' shelves. A Web page dedicated to the program states that each store searches "right outside their front door in every community where they do business" for products that meet the company's standards. Nevada boasts five Whole Foods locations featuring Locally Grown products such as fresh



pasta, all-natural cookies and granola, and barbecue sauce.

In addition, businesses and shoppers can make smarter decisions when it comes to distributing or transporting food or beverages. Carrying bottled water, for instance, has become as commonplace as toting around keys and a wallet. Unfortunately, this habit has a large environmental impact given the energy required to treat the water and fabricate, fill, and transport the bottles. Consumers can opt instead to drink from reusable water bottles and shop with reusable grocery bags. Border Grill restaurant at Mandalay Place sets a good example for the restaurant community by practicing a green alternative to the more commonly used pricey plastic bottles in utilizing a water-purification system.

## GROW YOUR OWN

Growing your own produce not only aids the environment, but also your budget and health. A common misconception is that growing crops in Nevada soil is next to impossible, but a visit to Gilcrease Orchard, or one of eight Star Nursery locations (in Southern Nevada), will prove that the opposite is true.

Located in northwest Las Vegas, Gilcrease Orchard covers more than 50 acres containing some 6,000 apple, pear, and peach trees in addition to a variety of vegetables, such as tomatoes, pumpkins, squash, and cucumbers. A working farm since the 1920s, Gilcrease allows customers and their children to experience the

farming lifestyle through the Pick Your Own produce program, which is how the majority of their crops are harvested. Afterward, customers can enjoy homemade fresh apple cider, produced in a facility on orchard grounds.

Whether you have space for a large citrus grove or a small herb garden, you can create an “orchard” in your backyard with the help of Star Nursery. Along with an inventory of tools necessary for planting, Star’s locations offer a surprising array of trees that grow well in desert climates, such as dwarf citrus, figs, almonds, pomegranates, apricots, peaches, and pears. Star also offers a comprehensive Web site of “Star Notes” designed to answer a wide variety of local gardening questions.

In addition to using eco-friendly materials such as bamboo, slate, and natural fibers in the décor, Simon Restaurant at Palms Place takes growing locally to a new level with its on-location greenhouse, which features a selection of herbs and micro-greens. Chef Kerry Simon showcases his love of pure and simple flavors in menu items such as Grilled Vegetable Gazpacho, Baby Beet Salad, and Organic Rotisserie Chicken with heirloom tomatoes.

Remember that a lot of these practices can be applied anywhere in Nevada, at least to some degree. Whether you choose to dine out or stay in, to eat locally or cultivate your own, the Silver State offers a bumper crop of options for eco-conscious eating—a trend that this writer hopes will continue to grow. ■



## CONTACTS

### Las Vegas Farmers' Markets

Gardens Park, Tues.

Bruce Trent Park, Wed.

Fremont Street, Fri.

lasvegasfarmersmarket.com

702-562-2676

All farmers' markets are from 4-8 p.m. during the summer and 2-6 p.m. during the winter.

### Henderson Farmers' Markets

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Roadhouse, Thurs.

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### Edibles by Elyce

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### Gilcrease Orchard

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## SNAPSHOTS

## ENTREPRENEUR

## Pamela Mann

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The key to living green is to start small, with changes that can be implemented every day as part of your regular routine. In a busi-

ness venture this spring, Pamela Mann helped make some of those changes a little easier. Mann is the independent founding senior director for H<sub>2</sub>O at Home, a company that specializes in eco-friendly cleaning and beauty products. Highly absorbent micro-fiber cloths (Chiffonnettes) and natural, organic cleansers and sanitizers cut cleaning time by up to 40 percent, reduce waste, and are harmless to humans and the environment. H<sub>2</sub>O at Home cosmetics and other beauty products are also organic and natural and not tested on or derived from animals.

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## MANSION MANAGER

## Helen Wiemer

Carson City

Helen Wiemer always wanted to be in charge. It didn't matter what she was in charge of, she just knew she'd be the boss. After a decades-spanning career in retail management, Wiemer has the ultimate in-charge job: she runs the Governor's Mansion in Nevada's capital city.

And she does it well. Nonprofit groups from around the state use the mansion for hundreds of events annually. Wiemer has served as mansion coordinator for many of the past 20 years. "Governor Bob Miller and his wife, Sandy, were my first administration," she says. She worked for four years under Governor Kenny Guinn, then left to work for the Community Counseling Center. When Governor Jim Gibbons arrived, Wiemer received a request to return to the mansion. "I loved it at CCC, but I was told I belong at the mansion," she says.

Regardless of which party is in power, Wiemer says the staff members are nonpolitical. "I choose to be completely nonpartisan," she says. "When the administration changes, I never mention the previous administration. Whatever happens here stays here."

This year marks the mansion's centennial.—STORY BY KATHIE TAYLOR

For an extended story, visit [nevadamagazine.com](http://nevadamagazine.com).



## PHOTOGRAPHER

## Jim Galli

Tonopah

Almost a century ago, Floyd Sheelor built a 22-inch Cirkut Type camera at Campbell & Kelly Foundry in Tonopah. On August 8, 2009, Tonopah resident and photographer Jim Galli used a similar model as part of the town's annual Boomtown History Event (see photo at left).

In its heyday, Sheelor's camera produced the largest panoramic photographs in the world. See Galli's 2009 photo at his site, [tonopahpictures.0catch.com](http://tonopahpictures.0catch.com).

Galli is a voracious collector of antique cameras and lenses. Unlike some collections, Galli's does not sit on a shelf gathering dust. His cameras are refurbished when necessary and used to create stunning images of the Silver State. His love of antique cameras and Nevada comes out in his tireless work, photos that capture the timeless beauty of a state where the past isn't hard to find.



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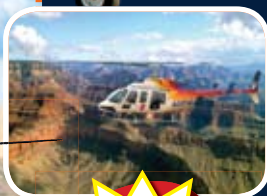
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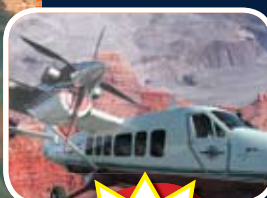


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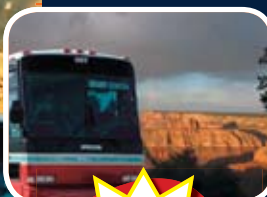


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# reno-vated



It's true: Reno's divorcees once hurled their rings into the Truckee River.

BY HOLLY WALTON-BUCHANAN

Did Reno's divorcees really throw their wedding rings into the Truckee River? If so, has anyone ever found any? Or, was it just something dreamed up by a novelist in 1929? The answers are yes, yes, and, most likely, yes. It is a fact that hundreds of wedding rings were flung into the river, only to be discovered in the 1970s by three prospectors working a gold dredge under the Virginia Street Bridge.

But the debate still rages about how the so-called tradition got started. According to a *Reno Gazette-Journal* article by Nevada historian Guy Rocha, the acknowledged expert on the subject, it probably started about 80 years ago, when Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. wrote *Reno*. The 1929 novel, in which a woman flings her ring into the rushing waters to "cleanse her marital past," is based on the author's 1927 divorce. While Vanderbilt was waiting for his separation to become

official (at that time the required stay was three months, which was shortened to six weeks in 1931), he may have gotten the idea from a pamphlet titled *Reno! It Won't Be Long Now: Ninety Days and Freedom!*, which described the first-known account of "ring-flinging."

While it is still unknown where the pamphlet writer got the idea, the custom soon became a part of Reno's divorce lore, spawning movies, newspaper stories, and books about "The Divorce Capital of the World."

Yet, for many years many Renoites still doubted that any rings had been thrown into the river. Believers in the ritual remained undeterred until 1950, when a Truckee River cleanup project by the Junior Chamber of Commerce turned up only one damaged wedding ring. Subsequently, the local press declared that the ring "myth" was just that, a myth.

Then, in the summer of 1976, three prospecting buddies with a dredge decided to look for coins—not rings—under the Virginia Street Bridge. Armed with a free permit from the Nevada Fish and Game Department, Walter Dulaney,

Darrell Garmann, and Jerry

Felesina donned scuba and snorkeling gear and probed under long-submerged boulders, vacuuming sand and gravel into a sluice box. On day one, they recovered 25 pounds of old coins from the frigid waters—and more than 40 rings. As word of their newly found treasures traveled, the effect on downtown Reno was electri-

fying. Crowds in the hundreds lined the railings, eager to see the men's findings.

That summer they found about 90 rings, numerous coins and casino tokens, and even a strange pistol with a name engraved on the side. The gun once belonged to a notorious doctor from Carson City who performed many illegal abortions, for which he spent a few years in the Nevada State Prison.


Among the hundreds of pounds of silver coins was a Carson City dime dating to 1873, estimated to be worth about \$800 at the time. Other artifacts included rusty oxen shoes and horseshoes, commemorative medals, gold crosses, brooches, and watches, gold-filled teeth, and iron keys and locks, some of which were put on display at Reno's Washoe County Library.

Only one person publicly protested the project, and he was quite vociferous about it. Charlie Mapes, owner of the Mapes Hotel, which once stood adjacent to the Virginia Street Bridge, was dismayed to see hoards of his customers flocking to the bridge, leaving behind the slot machines and blackjack tables. Incensed, he regularly complained to the Reno Police Department, directing them to check the men's permits on a continual basis. The dredgers got used to flashing their permits at the bemused officers.

Over the next three summers, more than 400 rings were retrieved. One gold ring was memorable: Set with a garnet, it bore a dreary inscription: "Love is Stronger Than Death, 1890." Finding a diamond ring was the most exciting part of the project, Felesina says. It was also the most disappointing. For a few seconds, he was "sure he was a millionaire." But, even though he carefully fished the







ring out of the water, the facets holding the stone were worn so thin that the diamond floated off and was impossible to relocate in the swirling sand.

Unfortunately, the ring collection did not survive intact. In the 1980s, one of the prospector's relatives stole the most valuable rings and sold them off to support a drug habit. They were never recovered. All that remains of the once valuable collection are lots of cheaply made "fake rings," probably purchased at the nearby Woolworth's Five and Dime Store and tossed over the railing in a nod to the tradition.

Hundreds—perhaps thousands—of rings were flung into the Truckee, but where the idea originated, and how long those rings had been underwater, still remains a mystery. Did the 1927 pamphlet writer—perhaps in the employ of a divorce lawyer—"invent" the custom as a marketing tool, cleverly designed to attract clients to Reno? Or did the practice begin long before that?

We do know that countless women (and a few men) honored the famous custom, descending the steps of the Washoe County Courthouse, divorce papers in hand, and directing their steps toward the venerable bridge. There they may have lingered briefly at the railing, gazing down into the frigid waters as they contemplated their future without a spouse. Finally, with a sorrowful sigh—or maybe a joyous shout—they cast down a symbolic ring, watching it disappear into the swift current. Now their marital past was "cleansed," and they were free to start life anew.

They were "Reno-vated." ▀

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# LOOKING BACK

November/December 1981



Two stories concerning divorce appeared in this issue, including the breakup that led to Clark Gable's marriage to Carole Lombard.

NOVEMBER

**2, 1863** – The First State Constitutional Convention begins, during which there is a spirited debate whether to name the state “Nevada” or the “State of Washoe.”

**5, 1870** – The first train robbery on the Pacific Coast takes place near Verdi. Five robbers, led by A.J. “Jack” Davis, board the Central Pacific No. 1 and get away with an unknown amount of money and bullion. The five men, plus three accomplices, were quickly captured.

**6, 1861** – The Federal Legislature passes an act which allows for the construction of a railway across Nevada to encourage the building of the Transcontinental Railroad.

**24, 1922** – Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming sign the Colorado River Compact, settling a 25-year water-allocation controversy. The act divides the Colorado River Basin into “upper” and “lower,” Nevada being a part of the latter.

**28, 1861** – The Nevada Legislature passes an act establishing a three-month residency requirement for divorce. The act is amended many times thereafter—only six weeks are required by 1931.



1870 TRAIN ROBBERY



LOWER COLORADO RIVER



USS NEVADA

DECEMBER

**7, 1941** – During the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the *USS Nevada* is berthed behind the *USS Arizona*. The *Nevada* is hit by a torpedo near the front bow and a bomb on the quarterdeck. She's the only ship to get underway of those moored in battleship row. Today, the *USS Nevada* is a nuclear-powered ballistic submarine stationed near Seattle.

**17, 1890** – Carson City's Stewart Indian School opens with 37 students from local Washoe, Paiute, and Shoshone tribes and three teachers. The school closes in 1980 due to budget cuts and earthquake safety issues. It's now on the National Register of Historic Places.

**17, 1918** – Nevada's state prohibition law goes into effect.

**20, 1862** – An act is signed by Governor James Warren Nye to frame a Constitution and State Government for the State of Washoe by which the Second Territorial Legislature continues the pursuit of complete citizenship.

**26, 1946** – The Las Vegas Strip's third resort, the Flamingo Hotel, opens under the control of Benjamin “Bugsy” Siegel.

**29, 1868** – Elko is founded by the Central Pacific Railroad.

*Nevada Magazine* volunteer Elmer Wolf provided this information.



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# FOOTBALL FRENZY

We all love our sports, but bettors look especially forward to football season.

Sports and betting go together...well, like football and fall. Although the NFL and college seasons are underway, there's still time for fans to cash in on the pigskin action.

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Patagonia's green exterior features include light-colored pavers (left), which reduce ambient air temperatures and filter storm water, native landscaping, and solar panels (above).

## ahead of its time

Patagonia was environmentally conscious long before LEED originated.

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Patagonia's Reno distribution center is a lot like any other warehouse: it's home to conveyor belts, loading docks, and

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tens of thousands of cardboard boxes. It's also quite different from any other warehouse: its employees get around on bicycles instead of electric carts, the interior lighting is soft and natural instead of yellow and harsh, and all those cardboard boxes, as well as more than 95 percent of all waste, is recycled and composted.

The Ventura, California-based outdoor clothing company has made environ-

mentally responsible practices a priority throughout its more than three decades, from assisting a young biologist to save steelhead salmon habitat on the Ventura River in the early 1970s, to annual environmental-issue education campaigns since 1988. When Reno was chosen as the site for a new distribution center in 1994, the company brought this tradition to Nevada. "We wanted a better, more energy efficient warehouse," director Dave Abelow says.

This was about the same time Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design was getting off the ground and almost six years before the LEED Green Building Rating System was born. Without a standard guide, Patagonia still managed to build a warehouse which achieved a 60-percent reduction in energy use, ver-

sus a comparable building, through the use of solar-tracking skylights, high-performance insulation, and radiant heating. "The original [warehouse] was ahead of its time," Abelow says.

When the warehouse was expanded in 2006, LEED certification was a no-brainer. The skylights, insulation, and radiant heating had proved themselves in the original facility and were incorporated into the expansion. A night-flush vent system circulates cool air and eliminates the need for expensive, inefficient air conditioning.

Photo sensors and motion detectors on light fixtures shut them off automatically when they are not in use. Low-flow sinks, toilets, and waterless urinals reduce water use by 42 percent. Extensive recycling results in less than five percent of waste—about two 30-yard compactors full a year—ending up in landfills.

Outside the warehouse, light-colored





Abundant natural lighting in the warehouse (left) is provided by 87 solar-tracking skylights (middle).



concrete pavers reduce ambient air temperatures and allow storm water to be naturally filtered before it enters the water table. Native and water-efficient landscaping reduces water use and evaporation and provides habitat for birds, small mammals, and insects. Solar panels on the south side of the facility produce enough energy to power the attached clothing outlet.

These measures and steps taken during construction—such as employing regional building materials to cut down on shipping distances and stimulate the local economy—resulted in a LEED Gold certification.

Yet, green building is a relatively small aspect of Patagonia's commitment to environmental responsibility. The company's Common Threads Garment Recycling program, started in 2005, aims to reduce waste from its products. Synthetic materials are a large part of most outdoor clothing lines, and these products, such as Patagonia's Capilene and fleece, are recyclable. Through the program, worn-out garments are collected and transformed into new clothing, such as the company's Synchilla

sweater, made from 86-percent recycled materials. The program also recycles the company's organic cotton products and by 2010, Patagonia aims to make all of its clothing recyclable.

Employees are given incentives to carpool to work and offered \$2,500 toward the purchase of a 45-miles-per-gallon or better hybrid or to convert their diesel engines to run on vegetable oil. Composting reduces organic waste and contributes to a seasonal garden maintained by the employees. Bicycle storage and shower/changing facilities make it convenient for employees to ride their bikes to work. Workers are also encouraged to bring their used paper and cardboard to work, as curbside recycling for those products is not currently available in the Reno area.

While Patagonia is a beacon to all things energy efficient, green, and environmentally responsible, Abeloe points out that it has taken the company decades to get to this point and stresses that LEED certification and expansive clothing recycling programs aren't the only ways for individuals and businesses to make a difference. "Start small," he says. "Replace all your light bulbs with energy efficient lighting or start recycling, then go to the next step." ▀

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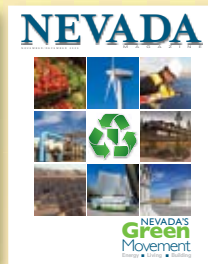
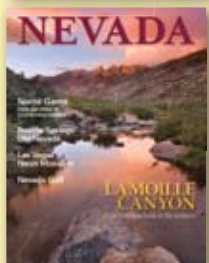
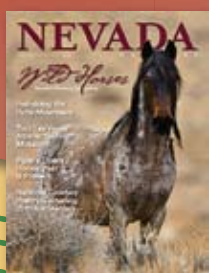
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# caliendo's calling

The Strip's newest headliner takes a decade's worth of impressions to Monte Carlo.

BY EMILY LA BRECQUE

Impressionist, actor, stand-up comedian, and family man Frank Caliendo is settling down in the entertainment capital of the world—at least for the next 10 years.

Caliendo is thrilled to leave the life of cross-country touring to become the latest headliner at Monte Carlo in Las Vegas. “I can’t wait! Las Vegas is great,” says Caliendo, before his show debuted on October 12. “I’m in love with two things there: the [white corn] tamales at Diablo’s Mexican Cantina in Monte Carlo, which I just can’t get enough of, and the meatballs at Café Martorano [in Rio All-Suite]. If you’ve never had one of their \$12 meatballs—well, I’ll tell you, they are underpriced.”

The food in Las Vegas was not the only thing that motivated Caliendo to accept his new gig. “Signing on with Monte Carlo seemed like a good thing to do,” he says. “I really like the people at the hotel, and they really wanted to do the show. I also want to be around my family. I have been traveling back and forth to the East Coast, and I was tired of that.”

Caliendo’s two children attend school in Phoenix. He will commute from Las Vegas to Arizona, but this way he can see his family during the week, and they can visit him on weekends. He says that he and his wife are going to wait until the kids are out of school for the summer

and then reassess their living arrangements.

Traveling can be exhausting for anyone, but it is particularly so when you are performing for a live audience night after night. “I’ve been to Reno, and I’ve worked in West Wendover, which is beautiful with all the mountains on the border of Utah, but I tend to get to a place, go to work, and then fall asleep without really getting to see it,” he says.

Caliendo, who for seven years has done impersonations—notably of former coach and announcer John Madden—on Sunday’s FOX NFL pregame show, starred on TBS’ “Frank TV,” has made regular appearances on “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno” and “The Late Show with David Letterman,” and spent five years on “MADtv.”

Caliendo says he will continue with the NFL pregame show for the next two years, but he will not be touring during his residency at Monte Carlo.

As for the new show, “It’s like nothing I’ve done before,” Caliendo says. “I just wanted it to be more than [your typical] stand-up show in Vegas. We are going to have a band and some video components, so it will be a hybrid of TV and stand-up. For people who like to see a little more production value in a show, this will be a good way to go.”

He plans to integrate some of his favorite impressions into the show, but fans can expect plenty of new material.

“There will be tons of impressions, more than in my standard stand-up act,” Caliendo says. “Las Vegas has a very diverse audience; there are older folks as well as young people, so I am trying to add something for everyone. It’s part of the fun of what I do that I get to hit a lot of different angles.” He plans to incorporate everyone from Dr. Phil and Chris Rock to Dave Chappelle, Larry the Cable Guy, Robin Williams, and Jonathan Winters.

Caliendo says he will keep the show clean because he wants it to be one that everyone can enjoy. For inspiration, he looks to the world around him, particularly celebrities. “Just look at the roles actors accept and the ones they turn down,” he says. “It’s so funny, and sometimes you just can’t figure out what they were thinking. What could be funnier than watching Robert De Niro play Frankenstein, Jack Nicholson as the Wolf Man, or Casey Kasem as Robin on ‘Super Friends?’ That’s real, and you can’t get funnier than that.”

Who is Caliendo’s favorite person to impersonate? “I would have to say either Dr. Phil or Charles Barkley,” he says. “They are both so much fun because I get to yell at people. Yelling at people is always fun. I don’t try to be mean about it; to me it’s about being silly. Doing impressions is all about twisting words and situations till you say, ‘Hey, that sounds kind of funny,’ and then going with it.”



Green Living Festival exhibitors set up shop at Gardnerville's Lampe Park on September 12.

## celebrating green

Numerous green-living events are popping up around Nevada.

BY EMILY LA BRECQUE

Gardnerville went green this September in celebration of its annual Green Living Festival. Visitors crowded Lampe Park to learn about sustainable practices, renewable energy, and being environmentally responsible—and to enjoy live music.

The Sustainable Living and Renewable Energy Roundup, a group of locals who decided to band together and start the nonprofit educational group because they wanted to make a difference in their community, hosted the festival. “We all kept having the same conversations over and over again,” Vicki Bates, the secretary of SLRER, says. “We were all trying to practice green living individually, but we wanted to learn more and get information out to other people in the community and thought a festival might be a good way to do it.”

According to Bates, at least 700 people attended the free event. “Most people say they come to find information, which is great,” she says. “We try to make sure there is something for everyone whether they want to know about something health related, using less energy, renewable energy, organic gardening, green landscaping, or green building.”

There was an eclectic mix at this year's festival, with more than 50 exhibitor booths and 25 workshop presentations. Exhibitors ranged from Tahoe Solar Designs, Sundance Bookstore, Costco, and GE Energy to Arbonne Skincare Products, and workshop presentation subjects included “Energy Benefits of Lighting Control,” “Bat Houses,” and “Bee Keeping.”

The Discovery Tent, where kids and adults got hands-on experience in green living, was also a crowd pleaser, Mistia Zuckerman, president of

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The 2009 National Clean Energy Summit brought together high-level industry leaders, scientists, policy experts, and public officials to chart a course for the nation's clean-energy future.

SLRER, says. "This year we made home-made paper from recycled products, self-watering planters with herbs growing in them, and baked cookies using solar ovens. We also had a pair of 'bike blenders' that you power by peddling that the kids loved. We used one to make the paper pulp and the other one to make smoothies!"

"The event has grown and developed since it began in 2006," Bates says. "The first year was the hardest. We really bit off more than we could chew and tried to make it too big, too fast, and it was very expensive." This year they decreased the festival from two days to Saturday only. This helped reduce overall cost and the booth price for exhibitors.

Aside from the Green Living Festival, SLRER has begun hosting a series of events they call field trips, such as the Slow Foods Dinner held on September 10 to kick off the festival. According to the group's Web site, slow food is, "The opposite of fast food, which is industrially produced, overprocessed, preserved with chemical additives, and eaten on

the run. Slow food is healthy food that is locally produced and cooked from scratch to bring out its flavor and preserve its food value."

On a different field trip, the group took a tour of the Northern Nevada Correctional Center prison farm and learned how Full Circle Compost and Hungry Mother Organics have teamed up with the inmates to grow local, organic produce. "This was by far my favorite field trip," Zuckerman says. "These are very low-risk inmates who will be on parole in a few years, so the vocational skills this program is teaching them can really be life-changing. They don't just make the compost and grow the vegetables, they also get to sell them at local farmers' markets."

Information for upcoming field trips can be found on the group's Web site. "To anyone who is trying to go green for the first time, I just want them to know that they don't need to do it overnight," Bates says. "Do little things to help you save energy. There are so many small ways. Don't overwhelm yourself." ■

## MORE GREEN EVENTS IN NEVADA

### The National Clean Energy Summit

The second annual National Clean Energy Summit was held at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas on August 10. The Summit was organized by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and the Center for American Progress Action Fund to "discuss the creation of good jobs in the new economy by accelerating the deployment of clean energy and energy efficiency and ensuring long-term prosperity for Nevada, the nation, and the world." Participants in the event included former Vice President Al Gore, Secretary Steven Chu of the U.S. Department of Energy, Senator Maria Cantwell, Nevada State Senator Steven Horsford, as well as other leaders from science, industry, government, and advocacy groups. [americanprogressaction.org](http://americanprogressaction.org), [cleanenergysummit.org](http://cleanenergysummit.org)

### Sustainable Energy & Communities Summit

The Nevada Museum of Art in Reno held a half-day summit on October 16 to discuss the impact that clean, renewable, and sustainable energy could have on the local economy and the community. The event included panels discussing art and architecture, community and environment, business and the clean-energy economy, and education and workforce training. "The summit aimed to spotlight the sustainable energy trends recognized in the world today and highlight the great potential for economic and social impact on our region," says Colin Robertson, curator of education at the Nevada Museum of Art. [nevadaart.org](http://nevadaart.org), 775-329-3333



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MGM Grand  
[mgmgrand.com](http://mgmgrand.com)  
800-929-1111

## 4

### Informal Dance Concert

College of Southern  
Nevada  
[csn.edu/pac](http://csn.edu/pac)  
702-651-5483

(4-8)

### "Pink Champagne"

The Black Box Theatre  
[pac.unlv.edu](http://pac.unlv.edu)  
702-895-2787

(4-8)

### Vegas Valley Book Festival

Various locations  
[artslasvegas.org/vvbf](http://artslasvegas.org/vvbf)  
702-229-5431

(4-8)

### Vicki Lawrence & Mama

Laughlin  
Riverside Resort  
[riversideresort.com](http://riversideresort.com)  
800-227-3849 x.616

## 5

### Latin Grammy Awards

Mandalay Bay  
[mandalaybay.com](http://mandalaybay.com)  
877-632-7000

### Untold Stories—Howard Hughes & Las Vegas

Springs Preserve  
[springspreserve.org](http://springspreserve.org)  
702-822-7700

(5-6)

### LeAnn Rimes

Treasure Island  
[treasureisland.com](http://treasureisland.com)  
800-392-1999

(5-8)

### Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series

Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
[lvms.com](http://lvms.com)  
800-644-4444

(5-8)

### The Smothers Brothers

The Orleans  
[orleanscasino.com](http://orleanscasino.com)  
800-675-3267

## 6

### Craig Morgan

North Las Vegas  
Aliante Station  
[stationcasinos.com](http://stationcasinos.com)  
702-547-5300

### Kelly Clarkson

Hard Rock Hotel  
[hardrockhotel.com](http://hardrockhotel.com)  
800-HRD-ROCK

### Las Vegas Open Comp Qualifying Night

Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
[lvms.com](http://lvms.com)  
800-644-4444

### Skid Row

Henderson  
Sunset Station  
[stationcasinos.com](http://stationcasinos.com)  
702-547-5300

(6-7)

### Classic Rock All-Stars

Cannery Casino  
[cannerycasinos.com](http://cannerycasinos.com)  
702-856-5300

(6-7)

### MS Bike 150

Mesquite  
[visitmesquite.com](http://visitmesquite.com)

(6-7)

### Pomegranate Festival

Overton  
Logandale Fairgrounds  
[moapavalley.com](http://moapavalley.com)

(6-7)

### Two Gals & A Geezer

Eastside Cannery  
[cannerycasinos.com](http://cannerycasinos.com)  
702-856-5300

(6-7)

### Swing City Dolls

Eastside Cannery  
[cannerycasinos.com](http://cannerycasinos.com)  
702-856-5300

(6-8)

### Patriot Party

Fremont Street  
Experience  
[vegasexperience.com](http://vegasexperience.com)  
877-VEGAS-4U

(6-8)

### Roy Clark

South Point  
[southpointcasino.com](http://southpointcasino.com)  
866-796-7111

(6-8)

### Steve Powers Great Las Vegas Craft Show

Cashman Center  
[visitlasvegas.com](http://visitlasvegas.com)  
805-481-7100

(6-10)

### Wendy's

3-Tour Challenge  
Henderson  
Rio Secca Golf  
Club & Cascata  
[wendys3tour.com](http://wendys3tour.com)  
614-764-8477

(6-8, 13-15, 20-22)

### "The Madwoman of Chaillot"

College of Southern  
Nevada  
[csn.edu/pac](http://csn.edu/pac)  
702-651-5483

(6-8, 27-29)

### David Spade

The Venetian  
[venetian.com](http://venetian.com)  
866-641-SHOW

(6-22)

### "Is He Dead"

Las Vegas Little Theatre  
[lvlt.org](http://lvlt.org)  
702-362-7996

## 7

## SATURDAY

### Airport Day

Boulder City  
Municipal Airport



bouldercitychamber  
ofcommerce.com  
702-293-9282

### Anjelah Nicole Johnson

House of Blues  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7600

### Camelot at the Magical Forest

Opportunity Village  
Oakley Campus  
opportunityvillage.org  
702-259-3741

### Colorado State vs. UNLV

College football  
Sam Boyd Stadium  
unlvrebels.cstv.com  
866-388-3267

### Desert Survival Skills

Educational program  
Valley of Fire State Park  
parks.nv.gov  
702-397-2088

### Eric Burdon & The Animals

Henderson  
Green Valley Ranch  
stationcasinos.com  
702-547-5300

### Las Vegas Bodybuilding, Fitness, & Figure Classic

Cashman Center  
visitlasvegas.com  
702-367-2937

### Las Vegas Open Comp

Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

### Multiple Sclerosis Run

Valley of Fire State Park  
e-mail: nicole.rainey@  
nmss.org  
702-736-1478

### Song Ca Dac Biet

Primm  
Star of the Desert Arena  
primmvalleyresorts.com  
800-FUN-STOP

### Veterans Day Celebration

Henderson  
Memorial Wall &  
Henderson Events

Plaza Stage  
hendersonlive.com  
702-267-2171

### Veterans Day Parade & BBQ

Mesquite  
Mesquite Blvd.  
mesquitenv.com  
702-346-1137

## 8 SUNDAY

### Silverman Nevada Full & Half Distance Triathlon

Henderson/Lake Mead  
silvermannv.com  
702-267-2171

### Sixtiesmania

Eastside Cannery  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-856-5300

### (8-15)

### 1,000 Flags Over Mesquite

Mesquite  
Recreation Park  
mesquitenv.com  
702-346-2456

## 9

### Jo Dee Messina

House of Blues  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7600

## 10

### All Time Low

w/We The Kings,  
Hey Monday, & The  
Friday Night Boys  
House of Blues  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7600

### (10-15)

### Roy Clark

Laughlin  
Riverside Resort  
riversideresort.com  
800-227-3849 x.616

### (10-13, 15-18)

### Lily Tomlin

MGM Grand  
mgmgrand.com  
800-929-1111

## 11



VETERANS DAY

### Foreigner

Primm  
Star of the Desert Arena  
primmvalleyresorts.com  
800-FUN-STOP

### Veterans Day Parade

Fremont Street  
Experience  
vegasexperience.com  
877-VEGAS-4U

### Veterans Day Parade

Overton  
Moapa Valley Blvd.  
moapavalley.com

### (11-14)

### Indian National Finals Rodeo

South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

### (11-15)

### "The Way It Has to Be"

The Black Box Theatre  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

## 12

### Jaguaires

House of Blues  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7600

### Leonard Cohen 2009 World Tour

Caesars Palace  
caesarspalace.com  
800-745-3000

### Nevada Magazine's Tour Around Nevada

Laughlin  
Harrah's Laughlin  
nevadamagazine.com  
775-687-0602

### (12-15)

### Neil Sedaka

The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
800-675-3267

## ★ ONGOING

### 12+7: Artists and Architects of CityCenter

Bellagio Gallery  
of Fine Art  
Thru April 4, 2010  
bellagio.com  
877-957-9777

### The Amazing Johnathan

Harmon Theater  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
harmontheater.com  
702-836-0836

### "America's Got Talent"

Planet Hollywood  
Wed.-Sun.  
planethollywoodresort  
.com  
866-517-3263

### "America's Tribute to Neil Diamond"

Riviera  
Dark Fri. & Sat.  
rivierahotel.com  
800-634-6753

### "American Storm"

Male revue  
Variety Theater  
Fri. & Sat.  
varietytheater.com  
866-932-1818

### Anthony Cools

Paris Las Vegas  
Dark Mon. & Wed.  
& Dec. 16-25  
parislasevegas.com  
877-374-7469

### ArtBeat

Henderson  
Nov. 6, 13, 20  
hendersonlive.com  
702-267-2171

### "Barbra and Frank: The Concert That Never Was"

Riviera  
Dark Mon.  
rivierahotel.com  
877-892-7469

### Barry Manilow

Las Vegas Hilton  
Nov. 12-14, 27-29  
Dec. 28-30  
lvhilton.com  
800-222-5361

### "The Beatles LOVE" by Cirque du Soleil

The Mirage

Dark Tues. & Wed.  
mirage.com  
800-963-9634

### Bette Midler: The Showgirl Must Go On

Caesars Palace  
Nov. 3-4, 7-8,  
10-11, 13-15  
Dec. 30-31  
bette.aeglive.com  
877-723-8836

### "Bite"

Stratosphere  
Dark Thurs.  
stratospherehotel.com  
800-99-TOWER

### Blue Man Group

The Venetian  
Nightly  
venetian.com  
866-641-SHOW

### Bobby Slayton: The PitBull of Comedy

Tropicana  
Dark Mon.  
tropicana.lv.com  
702-739-2411

### Carrot Top

Luxor  
Dark Tues.  
luxor.com  
800-557-7428

### Charo—A Musical Sensation

Riviera  
Dark Tues.  
rivierahotel.com  
702-794-9433

### Cher

Caesars Palace  
Nov. 19, 21-22,  
24-25, 28-29  
Dec. 1-2, 5-6, 8-9,  
12-13, 15-16, 19-20  
cher.aeglive.com  
866-510-2437

### Chippendales

Male revue  
Rio All-Suite  
Nightly  
riolasvegas.com  
702-777-7776

### The Comedy Stop

Sahara  
Nightly  
saharavegas.com  
888-696-2121

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**"Crazy Girls"**

Topless revue  
Riviera  
Nightly  
rivierahotel.com  
702-794-9433

**"Crazy Horse Paris"**

Topless revue  
MGM Grand  
Dark Tues.  
mgmgrand.com  
800-929-1111

**"CRISS ANGEL Believe" by Cirque du Soleil**

Luxor  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
luxor.com  
800-557-7428

**David Copperfield**

MGM Grand  
Nov. 19-30  
Dec. 1-2, 13-31  
mgmgrand.com  
800-929-1111

**"Defending the Caveman"**

Excalibur  
Daily  
excalibur.com  
702-597-7600

**"Disney's The Lion King"**

Mandalay Bay  
Dark Fri.  
mandalaybay.com  
877-632-7000

**Donn Arden's "Jubilee!"**

Bally's Las Vegas  
Dark Fri.  
ballyslasvegas.com  
800-237-SHOW

**Donny & Marie Osmond**

Flamingo Las Vegas  
Wed.-Sat.  
flamingolasvegas.com  
800-221-7299

**Ethel M Chocolate Wonderland**

Henderson  
Nov.-Jan. (TBA)  
ethelschocolate.com  
800-471-0352

**"Fantasy"**

Topless revue  
Luxor  
Nightly

luxor.com  
800-557-7428

**First Friday Art Celebration**

Downtown Arts District  
First Fri.  
firstfriday-lasvegas.org  
702-384-0092

**Frank Caliendo**

Monte Carlo  
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montecarlo.com  
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**From the Vault**

Las Vegas News Bureau  
photo exhibit  
Centennial Hills Library  
Thru Dec. 13  
lvccld.org  
702-734-READ

**George Wallace**

Flamingo Las Vegas  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
flamingolasvegas.com  
800-221-7299

**Gordie Brown**

Golden Nugget  
Las Vegas  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
goldennugget.com  
866-946-5336

**Henderson Farmers' Market**

Henderson  
Water Street  
Thurs.  
hendersonlive.com  
702-267-2171

**"Historical Journey into Jazz"**

West Las Vegas  
Arts Center  
Thru Dec. 31  
702-229-4800

**Hop on the Bird Mobile**

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Bird Viewing Preserve  
Nov. 5, 14, 25  
Dec. 2, 12, 17  
hendersonlive.com  
702-267-4180

**"ICE, the Show from Russia"**

Riviera  
Dark Fri.  
rivierahotel.com  
702-794-9433

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**Art Scape Auction**

Boulder City  
Boulder Creek Pavilion  
bouldercitychamber  
ofcommerce.com  
702-293-7731

**Kanye West & Lady Gaga**

Mandalay Bay  
mandalaybay.com  
877-632-7400

**Midnight Mayhem**

Las Vegas  
Motor Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

**Strange Brew**

Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-856-5300

**Stryper**

Santa Fe Station  
stationcasinos.com  
702-547-5300

**Terri Clark**

Silverton  
silvertoncasino.com  
866-817-2517

**(13-14) NiteKings**

Eastside Cannery  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-856-5300

**(13-14) Ray Romano & Kevin James**

The Mirage  
mirage.com  
800-963-9634

**(13-15) Martin Niviera**

Suncoast  
suncoastcasino.com  
877-677-7111

**(13-15) Mesquite Teacher Games**

Mesquite  
mesquiteteacher  
games.com  
888-711-4653 x.42

**(13-15) Sha Na Na**

South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

**(13-18) International Pool, Spa, & Patio Expo**

Mandalay Bay  
poolspapatio.com  
888-869-8522

D 14 SATURDAY

**Ben Vereen**

Laughlin  
Tropicana  
tropicanax.com  
800-243-6846

**Children's Hands-On History**

Old Las Vegas Mormon  
Fort State Historic Park  
parks.nv.gov  
702-486-3511

**Holiday Bazaar**

Mesquite  
CasaBlanca Event Tent  
mesquitenv.com  
702-346-7777

**John Fogerty**

Primm  
Star of the Desert Arena  
primmvalleyresorts.com  
800-FUN-STOP

**Leave No Trace: An Introduction to Outdoor Ethics**

Valley of Fire State Park  
parks.nv.gov  
702-397-2088

**Mutts on Main Street**

Henderson  
The District at  
Green Valley Ranch  
thedistrictatgvr.com  
702-564-8595

**Norm Macdonald**

House of Blues  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7600

**Pacquiao vs. Cotto**

Boxing  
MGM Grand  
mgmgrand.com  
800-745-3000

**So You Think You Can Dance**

The Orleans  
orleansarena.com  
800-675-3267

**(14-15) Aviation Nation**

Nellis Air Force Base  
nellis.af.mil  
702-652-1110

**(14-15) Las Vegas Gun & Knife Show**

Cashman Center  
visitlasvegas.com  
800-333-4867

**(14-15) WinterFest Fine Art Show**

Boulder City  
Park & Recreation Center  
Gym  
bouldercityartguild.com  
702-293-2138

D 16

**(16-20) Firefighter Combat Challenge**

Fremont Street  
Experience  
vegasexperience.com  
877-VEGAS-4U

D 17

**(17-22) Frank Marino's Divas Las Vegas**

Laughlin  
Riverside Resort  
riversideresort.com  
800-227-3849 x.616

**(17-22) Senior Softball Winter Worlds**

Multiple venues  
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D 18

**The Las Vegas Philharmonic**

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Panaca  
Pioche  
Rachel  
Rhyolite  
Round Mountain  
Scotty's Castle  
Silver Peak / Weepah  
Tonopah  
Yerington



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**Jay Leno**  
The Mirage  
Nov. 6-7, 27-28  
mirage.com  
800-963-9634

**"Jersey Boys"**  
The Venetian  
Dark Wed.  
venetian.com  
866-641-SHOW

**"KÀ"**  
by **Cirque du Soleil**  
MGM Grand  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
& Nov. 10  
mgmgrand.com  
866-774-7117

**Lance Burton**  
Monte Carlo  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
& Dec. 13-25  
montecarlo.com  
702-730-7160

**Las Vegas Wranglers**  
ECHL hockey  
Orleans Arena  
(home dates only)  
Nov. 5-6, 10, 12-13  
Dec. 1, 3-4, 19, 26, 29  
lasvegaswranglers.com  
702-471-7825

**"Le Rêve"**  
Wynn Las Vegas  
Dark Tues. & Wed.  
wynnlasvegas.com  
888-320-7110

**"Legends in Concert"**  
Harrah's Las Vegas  
Dark Sat.  
harrahslasvegas.com  
702-369-5111

**"Liberace and Me"**  
Starring Philip  
Fortenberry  
Liberace Museum  
Tues., Wed., & Sat.  
liberace.org  
702-798-5595

**"Louie Anderson:  
Larger Than Life"**  
Excalibur  
Dark Fri. & Sat.  
excalibur.com  
702-597-7600

**"The Magic & Tigers  
of Rick Thomas"**  
Sahara  
Dark Mon.

saharavegas.com  
888-696-2121

**Magical Forest**  
Opportunity Village  
Nov. 21-Jan. 2  
opportunityvillage.org  
702-259-3741

**"Marriage Can Be  
Murder"**  
Fitzgeralds  
Nightly  
fitzgeraldslasvegas.com  
702-388-2400

**"Men of X"**  
Male revue  
Hooters  
Nightly  
hooterslv.com  
866-584-6687

**"Menopause  
The Musical"**  
Luxor  
Nightly

luxor.com  
800-557-7428

**"Mystère"**  
by **Cirque du Soleil**  
Treasure Island  
Dark Thurs. & Fri.  
treasureisland.com  
800-392-1999

**Nathan Burton**  
Comedy-Magic  
Flamingo Las Vegas  
Dark Mon. & Thurs.  
flamingolasvegas.com  
800-221-7299

**"O"**  
by **Cirque du Soleil**  
Bellagio  
Dark Mon. & Tues.

& Dec. 9-20  
bellagio.com  
888-488-7111

**"PEEPSHOW"**  
Topless revue  
Planet Hollywood  
Dark Wed.  
planethollywoodresort  
.com  
877-333-9474

**Penn & Teller**  
Rio All-Suite  
Dark Thurs. & Fri.  
riolasvegas.com  
702-777-7776

**Metalocalypse:  
Dethklok & Mast-  
odon w/ Converge  
& High On Fire**  
House of Blues  
mandalaybay.com  
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**William Kanengiser**  
UNLV Classical Guitar  
Series  
The Artemus W. Ham  
Concert Hall  
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**World Extreme  
Cage Fighting**  
The Pearl  
palms.com  
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(18-22)  
**"Whales, Save Us"**  
The Black Box Theatre  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

19  
(19-21)  
**"In the Mix"**  
Dance Studio One  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

(19-22)  
**Street Car  
Super Nationals**  
Las Vegas  
Motor Speedway  
lvms.com  
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**Asleep at the Wheel**  
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silvertoncasino.com  
866-817-2517

**Astronomy Night**  
Springs Preserve  
springspreserve.org  
702-822-7700

**David Fenimore  
Portraying Woody  
Guthrie**  
Lloyd D. George  
Federal Courthouse  
artslasvegas.org  
702-229-3515

**Kenny G**  
Primm  
Star of the Desert Arena  
primmvalleyresorts  
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**Led Zeppelin IV**  
Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
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**Vatos Locos Tour**  
Featuring Hollywood  
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w/ Escape the Fate  
& The Sleeping  
House of Blues  
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**The Whigs**  
Beauty Bar  
beautybar.com  
702-598-1965

(20-21)  
**Lewis Black**  
The Mirage  
mirage.com  
800-963-9634

(20-21)  
**Torme Sings Torme**  
Jazz concert  
Boulder City  
Boulder Theatre  
bcnv.org  
702-293-1612

(20-22)  
**Bill Medley w/ Darrin  
& McKenna Medley**  
South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

(20-22)  
**Brandon Bennett**  
Suncoast  
suncoastcasino.com  
877-677-7111

(20-22)  
**The Four Tops**  
The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
800-675-3267

(20-22)  
**Pahrump Powwow**  
Pahrump  
Petrack Park  
pahrumppowwow.org  
775-209-3444

(20-22)  
**Snowjam Ski &  
Snowboard Show**  
Cashman Center  
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951-587-6266

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SATURDAY

**AMA GEICO  
EnduroCross Finals**  
Presented by  
Monster Energy  
The Orleans  
orleansarena.com  
800-675-3267

**Dangers of Smoking**  
Wellness Series  
Luxor  
bodiestickets.com  
800-557-7428

**Davy Jones**  
Silverton  
silvertoncasino.com  
866-817-2517

**James Darren**  
Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-856-5300

**The Las Vegas  
Philharmonic**  
The Artemus W. Ham  
Concert Hall  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

**Mesquite Marathon**  
Mesquite  
mammothmarathons  
.org  
435-650-0155

**PEO Christmas  
Bazaar—Homemade  
Crafts & Food**

Tonopah  
Convention Center  
tonopahnevada.com  
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**"Sahra"**  
Featuring Khaled,  
Assala Nasri, &  
Rida Al Abdulla  
MGM Grand  
mgmgrand.com  
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**Soldiers of the Old Fort**

Civil War reenactment  
Old Las Vegas Mormon  
Fort State Historic Park  
parks.nv.gov  
702-486-3511

**UFC 106:****Lesnar vs. Carwin**

Mandalay Bay  
mandalaybay.com  
800-745-3000

**Valley of Fire Marathon**

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**Valley of Fire State Park**

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435-817-3400

**22****SUNDAY****Days of the New**

Hard Rock Hotel

hardrockhotel.com  
800-HRD-ROCK

**Native American Day****Overton**

Lost City Museum  
museumstravelnevada  
.com  
702-397-2193

**23****(23-25)****Western Athletic Conference Volleyball Tournament**

Orleans Arena  
orleansarena.com  
702-365-7469

**24****(24-29)****Debbie Reynolds**

Laughlin  
Riverside Resort  
riversideresort.com  
800-227-3849 x.616

**25****(25-29)****Las Vegas Bracket Nationals**

Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
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800-675-3267

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Theatre  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

**(27-29)****The Kingston Trio**

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Live stage show  
Bally's Las Vegas  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
ballyslasvegas.com  
800-237-7469

**Purple Reign: The Ultimate Prince Tribute Show**

Hooters  
Fri.-Sun.  
hooterscasinohotel.com  
702-739-9000

**Rita Rudner**

Harrah's Las Vegas  
Various days  
harrahslasvegas.com  
800-392-9002

**Scarlett & Her Seductive Ladies of Magic**

Riviera  
Dark Fri.  
rivierahotel.com  
702-794-9433

**School House Rock Live**

Town Square Las Vegas  
Sat.  
schoolhousevegas.com  
702-949-6123

**"Shear Madness"**

Town Square Las Vegas  
Dark Mon.  
shearmadnesslv.com  
702-949-6123

**"Sin City Bad Girls"**

Topless revue  
Las Vegas Hilton  
Dark Sun.  
lvhilton.com  
800-222-5361

**"The Sopranos Last Supper"**

Tropicana  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
tropicana.lv.com  
800-829-9034

**"Steve Wyrick: Real Magic"**

Planet Hollywood  
Dark Fri.  
stevewyricktheatre.com  
800-210-0745

**Supernatural Santana—A Trip Through the Hits**

Hard Rock  
Nov. 11, 13-15, 18, 20-22  
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702-693-5583

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Dark Sun. & Mon.  
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800-963-9634

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Male revue  
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Nightly  
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866-388-3267

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Dec. 19-21, 29  
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Flamingo Las Vegas  
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702-885-1451

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palms.com  
800-745-3000

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Laughlin  
Tropicana  
tropicana.com  
800-243-6846

**San Diego State vs. UNLV**

College football  
Sam Boyd Stadium  
unlvrebels.cstv.com  
866-388-3267

(28-29)

**Collin Raye & Restless Heart**

Laughlin  
Harrah's Laughlin  
harrahslaughlin.com  
702-298-8510

29 SUNDAY

**The Black Crowes**

House of Blues  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7600

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**"The Messiah"**

The Artemus W. Ham  
Concert Hall  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

DECEMBER

1

(1-6)

**The Kingston Trio**

Laughlin  
Riverside Resort  
riversideresort.com  
800-227-3849 x.616

2

**Bret Michaels**

Primm  
Star of the Desert Arena  
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800-FUN-STOP

**Downtown Hoedown**

Fremont Street  
Experience  
vegasexperience.com  
877-VEGAS-4U

(2-3)

**Charmayne James Invitational Barrel Race**

South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

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**Lonestar**

Golden Nugget  
goldennugget.com  
866-946-5336

**Outlaw Annie Mounted Shooting**

South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

**Untold Stories—The Las Vegas You Didn't Know**

Springs Preserve  
springspreserve.org  
702-822-7700

(3-5)

**Festival of Trees**

Mesquite  
CasaBlanca Events Tent  
mesquitenv.com  
702-346-2787

(3-4, 10-11)

**Bill Engvall**

Treasure Island

treasureisland.com  
800-392-1999

(3-6, 10-13)

**"A Christmas Carol"**

The Judy Bayley  
Theatre  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

(3-12)

**Cowboy Christmas Gift Show**

Las Vegas  
Convention Center  
visitlasvegas.com  
702-892-0711

(3-12)

**National Finals Rodeo**

Thomas & Mack Center  
& other locations  
nfrexperience.com  
866-388-3267

(3-12)

**Rodney Carrington**

MGM Grand  
mgmgrand.com  
800-745-3000

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**Christmas Tree Lighting**

Boulder City  
Frank Crowe Park  
bcnv.org  
702-293-2034

**Equigames 2009**

South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

**Midnight Mayhem**

Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

(4-5)

**Clay Walker**

Golden Nugget  
goldennugget.com  
866-946-5336

(4-5)

**The Fab Presents a Beatles Christmas**

Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-856-5300



(4-5)

**Fall Dance Concert**

College of Southern Nevada  
csn.edu/pac  
702-651-5483

(4-6)

**Brooks & Dunn**

Las Vegas Hilton  
lvhilton.com  
800-732-7117

(4-6)

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Cashman Center  
visitlasvegas.com  
301-294-1640

(4-6)

**Sonny Turner**

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suncoastcasino.com  
877-677-7111

(4-5, 11-12)

**Ron White**

The Mirage  
mirage.com  
800-963-9634

(4-6, 10-13)

**"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"**

Rainbow Company  
Youth Theatre  
Charleston Heights Arts Center  
rainbowcompany.info  
702-229-6553

**D 5****SATURDAY****"A Forbidden Broadway Christmas"**

The Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

**Boney James**

Boulder Station  
stationcasinos.com  
702-547-5300

**Children's Hands-On History**

Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park

parks.nv.gov  
702-486-3511

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parks.nv.gov  
702-486-3511

**Doodlebug Bazaar****Boulder City**

Parks & Recreation gyms  
bcnv.org  
702-293-4381

**Duck Rock Guided Hike****Valley of Fire State Park**

parks.nv.gov  
702-397-2088

**Las Vegas Great Santa Run**

Town Square  
lasvegassantarun.org  
702-880-4055

**Metallica**

Mandalay Bay  
mandalaybay.com  
877-632-7400

**Santa's Electric Night Parade****Boulder City**

Nevada Way  
bcnv.org  
702-293-2034

**Santa's Picture Party****Boulder City**

Bicentennial Park  
bcnv.org  
702-293-1612

**Trans-Siberian Orchestra**

The Orleans  
orleansarena.com  
800-675-3267

**Volunteer Fireman's Christmas Party****Tonopah**

Fireman's Station #2  
tonopahnevada.com  
775-482-6837

(5-6)

**Benny Binion's World Famous Bucking Horse & Bull Sale**

South Point  
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866-796-7111

**D 6****SUNDAY****Lee Greenwood's Tennessee Christmas**

The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
800-675-3267

**Rock 'n' Roll Las Vegas Marathon**

Various locations  
las-vegas.competitor.com  
858-450-6510

**Jazz Combos**

College of Southern Nevada  
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702-651-5483

**D 7****Christmas Concert**

The Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

**D 8****Concert Band**

College of Southern Nevada  
csn.edu/pac  
702-651-5483

**D 9****Michael McDonald: An Evening of Holidays & Hits****Primm**

Star of the Desert Arena  
primmvalleyresorts.com  
800-FUN-STOP

**D 10****Henderson Symphony Orchestra Concert—Sounds of the Season****Henderson**

Convention Center  
hsorch.org  
702-267-2171

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Daily  
adventuredome.com  
702-794-3939

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Imperial Palace  
Daily  
imperialpalace.com  
888-777-7664

**BODIES...****The Exhibition**

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luxor.com  
800-288-1000

**CSI: The Experience**

MGM Grand  
Daily  
mgmgrand.com  
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Riverside Resort  
Daily  
riversideresort.com  
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Paris Las Vegas  
Daily  
parislasesvegas.com

**Fantasy Faire Midway**

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Squarepants 4-D ride  
Excalibur  
Daily  
excalibur.com  
877-750-5464

**Fountains of Bellagio**

Bellagio  
Daily

bellagio.com  
702-693-7111

**Lamborghini Las Vegas**

The Palazzo  
Dark Sun.  
palazzolasvegas.com

**The Lion Habitat at MGM**

MGM Grand  
Daily  
mgmgrand.com  
877-880-0880

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New York-New York  
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**Winter Choral Concert**  
College of Southern Nevada  
csn.edu/pac  
702-651-5483

**(10-11) Dierks Bentley**  
House of Blues  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7600

**(10-11) Double Dollar Performance Horse Sale**  
South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

**(10-12) WinterFest**  
Henderson  
Water Street District  
hendersonlive.com  
702-267-2171

**11 SATURDAY**

**Lo-Amateur World Series (Team Roping)**  
South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

**Las Vegas & The Mob**  
Author Denny Griffin  
Nevada State Museum  
nevadaculture.org  
702-486-5205 x.229

**Luminaria**  
Boulder City  
Bicentennial Park  
bcnv.org  
702-293-1612

**Menorah Ceremony**  
Fremont Street Experience  
vegaseperience.com  
877-VEGAS-4U

**Sara Evans Celebrates the Season**  
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800-FUN-STOP

**(11-12) Jeff Dunham**  
Caesars Palace  
caesarspalace.com  
800-745-3000

**(11-12) Rodney Atkins**  
Golden Nugget  
goldennugget.com  
866-946-5336

**(11-13) "The Nutcracker Ballet"**  
Boulder City  
Boulder Theatre  
bcnv.org  
702-293-1161

**(11-13) Two Gals & A Geezer**  
Dinner show  
Laughlin  
Tropicana  
tropicanax.com  
800-243-6846

**12 SATURDAY**

**K-9 Hike**  
Valley of Fire State Park  
parks.nv.gov  
702-397-2088

**Andrea Bocelli**  
MGM Grand  
mgmgrand.com  
800-745-3000

**Larry the Cable Guy**  
Mandalay Bay  
mandalaybay.com  
877-632-7400

**The Las Vegas Philharmonic**  
The Artemus W. Ham  
Concert Hall  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

**Mutts on Main Street**  
Henderson  
The District at Green Valley Ranch  
thedistrictatgvr.com  
702-564-8595

**Pioneer Christmas**  
Old Las Vegas Mormon  
Fort State Historic Park

parks.nv.gov  
702-486-3511

**Thunder Equigames**  
South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

**(12-13, 18-24) Winter Lights Festival**  
Springs Preserve  
springspreserve.org  
702-822-7700

**13 SUNDAY**

**Manheim Steamroller**  
The Orleans  
orleansarena.com  
702-284-7777

**18**

**Guttermouth**  
Hard Rock Hotel  
hardrockhotel.com  
800-HRD-ROCK

**Winter Wonder Slam w/ Toby Mac & Relient K**  
The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
800-675-3267

**(18-20) A Scinta Christmas**  
Suncoast  
suncoastcasino.com  
877-677-7111

**(18-24) "The Nutcracker"**  
Nevada Ballet Theatre  
Paris Theatre  
ticketmaster.com  
702-946-4567

**19 SATURDAY**

**(19-20) Crossroads of the West Gun Show**  
Cashman Center  
visitlasvegas.com  
801-544-9125

**21**

**The Forgotten Carols Production**  
Cashman Center  
visitlasvegas.com  
801-517-3153

**22**

**MAACO Bowl Las Vegas**  
College football  
Sam Boyd Stadium  
unlvtickets.com  
702-895-3761

**(22-23) Las Vegas Classic**  
NCAA Basketball Tournament  
The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
800-675-3267



**(25-27) Clint Holmes Christmas**  
Suncoast  
suncoastcasino.com  
877-677-7111

**26 SATURDAY**

**B.B. King**  
Primm  
Star of the Desert Arena  
primmvalleyresorts.com  
800-FUN-STOP

**(26-Jan. 2) Larry Gatlin & The Gatlin Brothers**  
Laughlin  
Riverside Resort  
riversideresort.com  
800-227-3849 x.616

**27 SUNDAY**

**Boyz II Men w/ Salt-N-Pepa**  
Primm  
Star of the Desert Arena  
primmvalleyresorts.com  
800-FUN-STOP



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**New Year's Eve w/ L.A. Guns**  
Santa Fe Station  
stationcasinos.com  
702-547-5300

**Gary Allan**  
House of Blues  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7600


**Merle Haggard**  
Primm  
Star of the Desert Arena  
primmvalleyresorts.com  
800-FUN-STOP

**New Year's Eve Celebration**  
Fremont Street  
vegaseperience.com  
877-VEGAS-4U

**New Year's Eve w/ Yellow Brick Road**  
Boulder Station  
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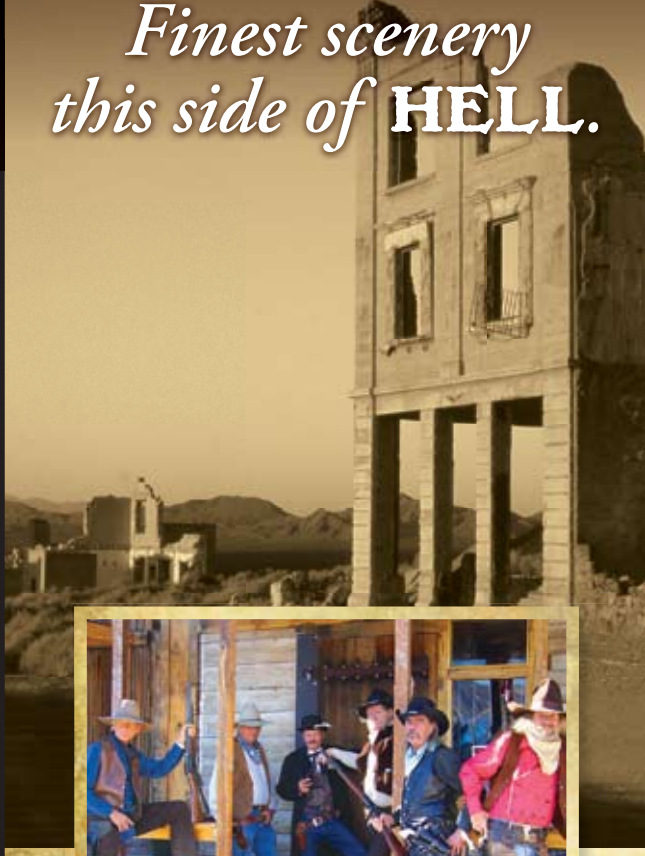

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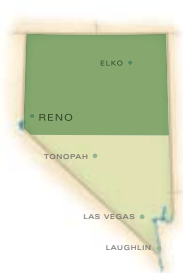
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# november/december

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### HOLIDAY EVENTS

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## NOVEMBER

### 1 SUNDAY

#### (Oct. 28-Nov. 8) NASF Shuffleboard Tournament

Terrible's Sands  
Regency  
[sandsregency.com](http://sandsregency.com)  
866-FUN-STAY

#### Lord/Quinn

Minden  
Carson Valley Inn  
[cvinn.com](http://cvinn.com)  
800-321-6983

#### (1-2) Buy-In Slot Tournament

West Wendover  
Montego Bay  
[wendoverfun.com](http://wendoverfun.com)  
800-537-0207

#### (1, 3-8) Broxton

Jackpot  
Cactus Petes  
[ameristar.com](http://ameristar.com)  
800-821-1103

#### (1, 7-8, 14-15) Dryland Training Program

Northstar-at-Tahoe  
[northstaratahove.com](http://northstaratahove.com)  
530-562-2267

### 2

#### Program in Jazz & Improvisational Music

Nightingale  
Concert Hall  
[unr.edu/arts](http://unr.edu/arts)  
775-784-4278

#### (2-5) National Small Business Innovation Research & Small Business Technology Transfer Conference

Sparks  
John Ascuaga's Nugget  
[unr.edu/sbir-sttr2009](http://unr.edu/sbir-sttr2009)  
800-233-8928

### 3

#### (3-8) Red Hot Smokin' Aces

Minden  
Carson Valley Inn  
[cvinn.com](http://cvinn.com)  
800-321-6983

### 4

#### Esperanza Spalding

Nightingale  
Concert Hall  
[unr.edu/arts](http://unr.edu/arts)  
775-784-4278

#### (4-8, 11-15) Motifs

Carson City  
Carson Nugget  
[ccnugget.com](http://ccnugget.com)  
800-426-5239

### 5

#### Bill Engvall

West Wendover  
Peppermill  
[wendoverfun.com](http://wendoverfun.com)  
800-537-0207

#### Head For the Hills

Colorado bluegrass  
Crystal Bay  
Crystal Bay Casino  
[crystalbaycasino.com](http://crystalbaycasino.com)  
775-831-0512

#### National Automobile Museum's 20th- Anniversary Free Admission Day & Celebration

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775-333-9300

#### University Percussion Ensemble Concert

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Concert Hall  
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#### (5-8) Disney On Ice Presents "Princess Classics"

Lawlor Events Center  
[lawloreventscenter.org](http://lawloreventscenter.org)  
775-784-4444

### 6

#### Teton Gravity Research Film Festival

Sparks  
John Ascuaga's Nugget  
[janugget.com](http://janugget.com)  
800-648-1177

### (6-7)

#### Bull Sale

Elko  
Elko County  
Fairgrounds  
[elkocva.com](http://elkocva.com)  
775-738-3136

### (6-7)

#### Diamond Rio

Jackpot  
Cactus Petes  
[ameristar.com](http://ameristar.com)  
800-821-1103

### (6-7)

#### Red Angus Cattle Sale

Livestock Events Center  
[visitrenotahoe.com](http://visitrenotahoe.com)  
208-722-2473

### (6-7)

#### Rhymers Rodeer Cowboy Poetry

Minden  
Carson Valley Inn  
[cvinn.com](http://cvinn.com)  
800-321-6983

### (6-8)

#### "Cats"

Pioneer Center  
[pioneercenter.com](http://pioneercenter.com)  
775-686-6609

#### (6-7, 13-14, 20-21) "Long Day's Journey into Night"

Goodluck Macbeth  
[goodluckmacbeth.org](http://goodluckmacbeth.org)  
775-322-3716

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## SATURDAY

#### Authors Luncheon

Atlantis  
e-mail: [kathycharlie@](mailto:kathycharlie@)

[sbcglobal.net](http://sbcglobal.net)  
702-853-8393

#### Carlos Mencia

Silver Legacy  
[silverlegacy.com](http://silverlegacy.com)  
800-MUST-SEE

#### Chukar Tournament & Feed

Battle Mountain  
Civic Center  
[battlemountaintourism.com](http://battlemountaintourism.com)  
775-635-1112

#### Day of the Dead

Carson City  
Nevada State Museum  
[nevadaculture.org](http://nevadaculture.org)  
775-687-4810 x.237

#### The Duhks

Carson City  
Brewery Arts Center  
[breweryarts.org](http://breweryarts.org)  
775-883-1976

#### IMCA Dirt Track Racing

Fallon  
Rattlesnake Raceway  
[fallontourism.com](http://fallontourism.com)  
775-427-9120

#### Knights of Columbus Halibut Feed

Winnemucca  
[winnemucca.com](http://winnemucca.com)  
775-623-1129

#### Northeastern Nevada Birthday Ball

Elko  
Northeastern  
Nevada Museum  
[elkocva.com](http://elkocva.com)  
775-738-3418





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For Christmas**

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Nov. 23-Dec. 19  
elkocva.com  
775-738-3038

**Blink: George Legrady**  
Nevada Museum of Art  
Thru Dec. 20  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**Bounce**

Circus Circus  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
circusreno.com  
800-648-5010

**"Carnival Cabaret"**

Stateline

Horizon  
Nightly  
horizoncasino.com  
800-683-8266

**Catch a Rising Star  
Comedy Club**

Silver Legacy  
Dark Mon.  
silverlegacy.com  
800-MUST-SEE

**Coin Press No. 1  
Demonstration**

Carson City

Nevada State Museum  
Last Fri. of each month  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-4810 x.237

**DBA Wine Walk**

Elko

Second Sat. of  
each month  
elkocva.com  
775-738-3136

**Downtown Beer Crawl**

Carson City

Third Sat. of each month  
visitcarsoncity.com  
775-883-2211

**Downtown Wine Walk**

Carson City

First Sat. of each month  
visitcarsoncity.com  
775-883-2211

**Even in Africa**

Paintings by  
Robert Cinkel  
National Automobile  
Museum  
Thru Jan. 11, 2010  
automuseum.org  
775-333-9300

**First Thursday**

Refreshments & music  
Nevada Museum of Art  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**Fleischmann  
Planetarium  
& Science Center**

Exhibits & films  
University of  
Nevada, Reno  
planetarium.unr.edu  
775-784-4812

**Focus: Laos**

Eric Jarvis & Rick  
Gunn photo exhibit  
South Valleys Library  
Thru Nov. 12  
775-851-5190

**"Get Hypnotized!"**

Starring Chris Cady  
Pioneer Underground  
renohypnotist.com  
775-324-7474

**Greg London  
ICONMAN**

Harrah's Reno  
Various days  
harrahsreno.com  
775-788-2900

**The Grid: Bernd &  
Hilla Becher**

Nevada Museum of Art  
Thru Feb. 7, 2010  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**Guided Tours**

Nevada Museum of Art  
Thurs., Sat., & Sun.  
\*Spanish-language  
tours by appt.  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**Happiest of Holidays**

Artists Co-op Gallery  
Nov. 15-Dec. 28  
(dark Dec. 25)  
artistsco-oppalleryreno.com  
775-322-8896

**Helen Lundeberg:  
History of  
Transportation**

Nevada Museum of Art  
Thru Dec. 6  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**Operation Santa  
Motorcycle Run**

Elko

elkocva.com  
775-738-5042

**Shane Dwight**

Crystal Bay  
Crystal Bay Casino  
crystalbaycasino.com  
775-831-0512

**Spring Creek  
Christmas Bazaar**

Spring Creek  
elkocva.com  
775-753-6295

**Queensryche**

Stateline  
Harrah's Lake Tahoe  
southshoreroom.com  
800-427-7247

**Steven Wright**

Sparks  
John Ascuaga's Nugget  
janugget.com  
800-648-1177

(7-8)

**Clinton Anderson  
Wahl Walkabout Tour**  
Livestock Events Center  
downunderhorseman  
ship.com  
888-287-7432

(7-8, 13-15, 20-22)

**"The King & I"**

Western Nevada  
Musical Theatre  
Company  
Carson City  
Carson City  
Community Center  
wnc.edu  
775-445-3000

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SUNDAY

**Barton Memorial  
Hospital Auxiliary's  
Holiday Faire**

South Lake Tahoe  
St. Theresa's  
Catholic Church  
bluelaketahoe.com  
530-544-0606

**Reno Wind  
Symphony**  
Nightingale

Concert Hall  
unr.edu/arts  
775-784-4278

**(8-9, 19-20, 29-30)  
Birthday Bash  
Slot Tournament**

West Wendover  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

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(9-10)

**Curtis Salgado**

Crystal Bay  
Crystal Bay Casino  
crystalbaycasino.com  
775-831-0512

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**Blackjack Tournament  
of Champions**

Minden  
Carson Valley Inn  
cvinn.com  
800-321-6983

(10-15, 17-22)

**Doug Allen**

Jackpot  
Cactus Petes  
ameristar.com  
800-821-1103

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VETERANS DAY

**Insane Clown Posse**

Sparks  
New Oasis  
newoasisreno.com  
530-898-1497

**Veterans Day Parade**

Elko  
elkocva.com  
775-738-5398

**Veterans Day Parade**

Virginia City  
visitvirginiacitynv.com  
800-718-7587

**Veterans Memorial  
Service**

WP Community Choir  
Ely  
whitepinechamber.com  
775-289-2116

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**Blue Ribbon Awards**

Stateline  
Horizon  
bluelaketahoe.com  
775-588-1728

**University Fall Dance  
Festival**

Nightingale  
Concert Hall  
unr.edu/arts  
775-784-4278

(12-14)

**Room to Move**

Minden  
Carson Valley Inn  
cvinn.com  
800-321-6983

(12, 16)

**Young Peoples  
Concert**

Reno Philharmonic  
Orchestra  
Pioneer Center  
renophil.com  
775-323-6393

13

**B.B. King**

West Wendover  
Peppermill  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

**Paul Zarzyski &  
Wylie Gustafson**

Poetry & music  
Eureka  
Eureka Opera House  
eurekacounty.com  
775-237-6006

**Rex Navarrete**

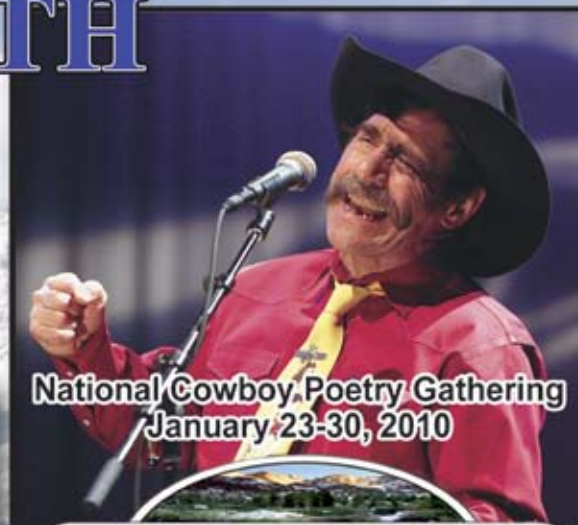
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vsanevada.org  
775-826-6100 x.3

**"The Holiday Ice Spectacular!"**

Eldorado  
Nov. 3-Dec. 29  
eldoradoreno.com  
800-648-5966

**Imperial Acrobats of China**

Circus Circus  
Dark Wed.  
circusreno.com  
800-648-5010

**Improv Comedy**

*Stateline*  
Harveys Lake Tahoe  
Dark Mon. & Tues.  
harveystahoe.com  
775-586-6266

**In the Sierra Shadow**

Artists Co-op Gallery  
Thru Nov. 10  
artistsco-opgalleryreno.com  
775-322-8896

**Jarbridge Centennial Art Exhibit**

*Elko*  
Northeastern Nevada Museum  
Thru Dec. 1  
museumelko.org  
775-738-3418

**JR Johns**

Pet show  
Circus Circus  
Dark Tues. & Thurs.  
circusreno.com  
800-648-5010

**Lordy Rodriguez: Surface Depth**

Nevada Museum of Art  
Thru Nov. 8  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**Made In Tahoe Art Show**

*Crystal Bay*  
Tahoe Biltmore  
Sat.  
tahoebiltmore.com  
800-BILTMORE

**Movie Cars: Cinematic Stars On Wheels**

National Automobile Museum  
Thru April 14, 2010  
Thurs. movie nights thru Nov. 19  
automuseum.org  
775-333-9300

**Nevada Northern Railway Train Rides**

*Ely*  
Visit Web site or call for schedule  
nnry.com  
866-407-8326

**Nevada Wolf Pack Men's Basketball**

Lawlor Events Center (home dates only)  
Nov. 10, 14, 21  
Dec. 8, 12, 17, 19, 28  
nevadawolfpack.com  
775-348-7225

**Nevada Wolf Pack Women's Basketball**

Lawlor Events Center (home dates only)  
Nov. 1, 13, 16, 23, 27-28  
Dec. 2, 6, 22  
nevadawolfpack.com  
775-348-7225

**New York to Paris Automobile Race**

National Automobile Museum  
Thru Jan. 5, 2012  
automuseum.org  
775-333-9300

**On the Road with Alice Ramsey: 100 Years Ago**

National Automobile Museum  
Thru April 14, 2010  
automuseum.org  
775-333-9300

**Open Air: Impressions of the California Landscape**

Nevada Museum of Art  
Thru Nov. 29  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**Patricia Johanson**

Nevada Museum of Art  
Thru Jan. 10, 2010  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

(13-15)

**UNR Ski Swap**

Livestock Events Center  
unrskiswap.com  
775-825-6555

(13-15)

**Veterans Day Cribbage Tournament**

Terrible's Sands Regency  
sandsregency.com  
866-FUN-STAY

(13-15, 18-22)

**"Romeo and Juliet"**

Redfield Studio Theatre  
unr.edu/arts  
800-225-2277

14 SATURDAY

**B.B. King**

Silver Legacy  
silverlegacy.com  
800-MUST-SEE

**Boot Scootin' BBQ**

*Carson City*  
Fuji Park Pavilion  
visitcarsoncity.com  
775-883-8500

**Fresno State vs. Nevada**

College football  
Mackay Stadium  
nevadawolfpack.com  
775-348-7225

**Jose Feliciano**

*Stateline*  
Harrah's Lake Tahoe  
southshoreroom.com  
800-427-7247

**Lamoille Women's Club Chili Feed/ Craft Show**

*Lamoille*  
elkocva.com  
775-778-3405

**NRA High Power Rifle & Sport Rifle Contest**

*Elko*  
elkocva.com  
775-753-7241

**Squaw Valley Institute Presents: A Toast to Tahoe Skiing**

Squaw Valley USA

squaw.com  
530-583-6955

**Star Gazing: The Milky Way**

Five Mile Flat  
fourthwardschool.org  
775-847-0975

**Terri Clark**

*West Wendover*  
Peppermill  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

(14-15)

**Fallon Trap Club Basque PITA Shootout**

*Fallon*  
Fallon Trap Club  
fallontourism.com  
775-427-4556

(14-18)

**National Tour Association Convention**

Reno-Sparks Convention Center & other locations  
ntaonline.com  
800-682-8886

15 SUNDAY

(15-16)

**Buy-In Blackjack Tournament**

*West Wendover*  
Peppermill  
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800-537-0207

(15, 17)

**"New Awakenings"**

Reno Philharmonic Orchestra  
Pioneer Center  
renophil.com  
775-323-6393

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(18-22, 25-29)

**Buddy Emmer Band**

*Carson City*  
Carson Nugget  
ccnugget.com  
800-426-5239

19

(19-21)

**Nevada Farm Bureau Convention**

*Ely*  
nvfb.fb.org

(19-21)

**Retroactive**

*Minden*  
Carson Valley Inn  
cvinn.com  
800-321-6983

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**Artown Presents Pilobolus**

Grand Sierra  
grandsierraresort.com  
800-648-3568

**Behind-The-Scenes Tours in Natural History**

*Carson City*  
Nevada State Museum  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-4810 x.237

**Blue Oyster Cult**

*Jackpot*  
Cactus Petes  
ameristar.com  
800-821-1103

**Keb' Mo' & Kristina Train**

*Sparks*  
John Ascuaga's Nugget  
janugget.com  
800-648-1177

**Sammy Kershaw**

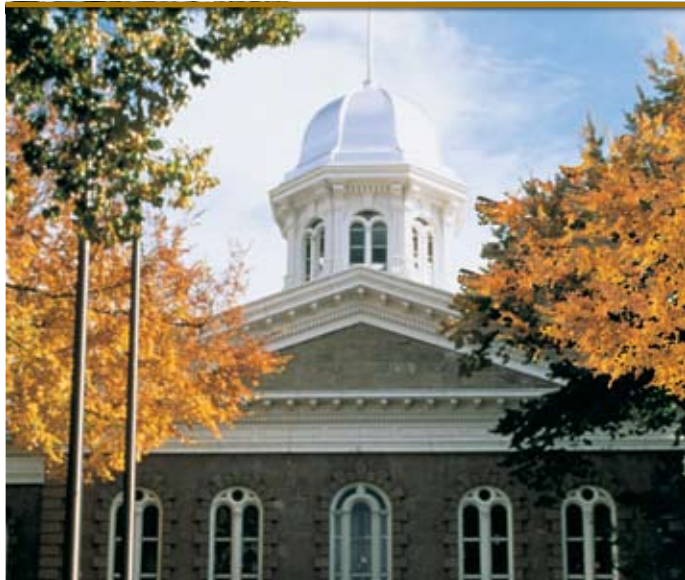
*West Wendover*  
Peppermill  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

(20-21)

**Holiday Bazaar**

*Eureka*  
Eureka Opera House  
eurekacounty.com  
775-237-5279





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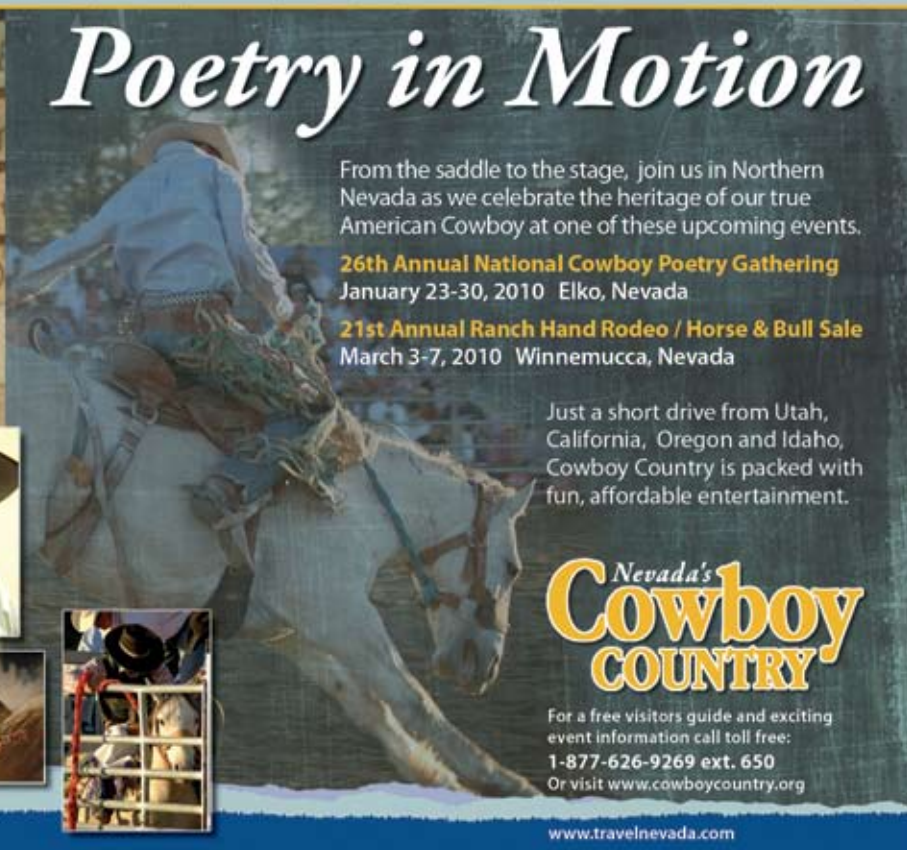
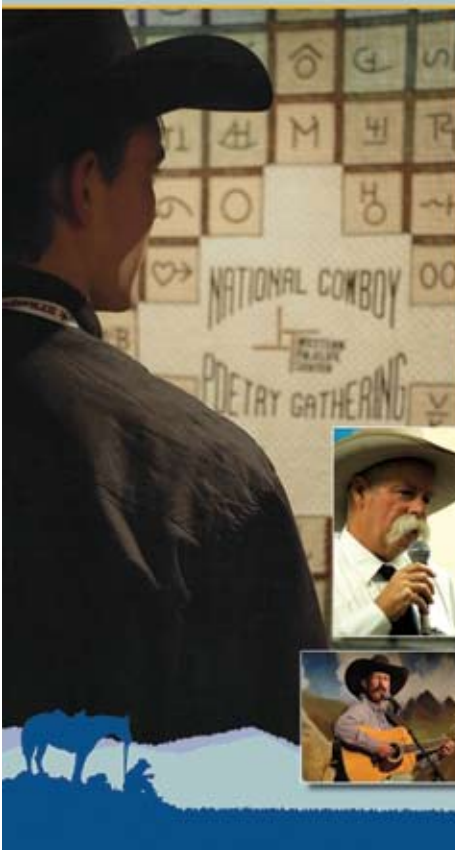
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Ely

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Nov. 27-28  
Dec. 4-6, 11-13,  
19-23, 26-29  
nnry.com  
866-407-8326

**Prospectives.09—  
International  
Digital Arts Festival**  
Sheppard Fine  
Arts Gallery  
Nov. 12-Dec. 16  
unr.edu/art/  
prospect2.html  
775-784-6658

**Rembrandt:  
The Embrace of  
Darkness & Light**  
Nevada Museum of Art  
Thru Jan. 17, 2010  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**Reno: Biggest Little  
City in the World**  
Permanent exhibit  
Nevada Historical  
Society  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-8323

**Reno Beer Crawl**  
Tastings of  
specialty beers  
Fourth Sat. of  
each month  
renobeercrawl.com  
775-996-1811

**Reno Bighorns**  
NBA D-League  
basketball  
Reno Events Center  
(home dates only)  
Dec. 5, 13, 15, 26-27  
renobighorns.com  
775-284-2622

**Riverwalk Art Walk**  
Last Thurs. of each month  
renoriver.org  
775-825-WALK

**Roadside Attractions**  
Photography by  
Howard Goldbaum  
National Automobile  
Museum  
Thru Jan. 11, 2010  
automuseum.org  
775-333-9300

**Salsa Night Sundays**  
Silver Legacy  
silverlegacy.com  
800-MUSTSEE

**Seven Perspectives**  
Group exhibit  
Stremmel Gallery  
Nov. 19-Dec. 19,  
Dark Sun.  
stremmelgallery.com  
775-786-0558

**Slot Machines:  
The Fey Collection**  
Carson City  
Nevada State Museum  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-4810 x.237

**Squaw Valley  
Festival of Lights**  
Squaw Valley USA  
Dec. 1-31  
squaw.com  
530-583-6955

**Steakhouse  
Wine Tastings**  
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Last Tues. of each month  
harrahreno.com  
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on the River**  
Third Sat. of each month  
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(20-21)  
**Holiday Craft Fair**  
Battle Mountain  
Civic Center  
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.com  
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(20-22)  
**Nevada Chamber  
Opera Presents  
"Die Fledermaus"**  
Nightingale Concert Hall  
unr.edu/arts  
775-784-4278

(20-22)  
**Valhalla Holiday Arts  
& Crafts Faire**  
South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Grand Hall  
valhallatahoo.com  
530-541-4975

21  
SATURDAY

**Big Bad Voodoo  
Daddy**  
Stateline  
Harrah's Lake Tahoe  
southshoreroom.com  
800-427-7247

**The Black Crows**  
Grand Sierra  
grandsierraresort.com  
800-648-3568

**Carlos Mencia**  
West Wendover  
Peppermill  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

**Eclipse: Tribute to  
Pink Floyd**  
Carson City  
Brewery Arts Center  
breweryarts.org  
775-883-1976

**First Day of Winter  
Operations &  
60th-Anniversary  
Celebration**  
Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
530-583-6955

**Ruby Mountain  
Symphony**  
Elko

elkocva.com  
775-738-4187

**Silverland Art Gallery  
Exhibit & Reception  
for Dean Burton**  
Virginia City  
St. Mary's Art Center  
visitvirginiacitynv.com  
800-718-7587

**Women of St. Joseph  
Bazaar**  
Elko  
elkocva.com  
775-738-3563

**4-H Achievement  
Night**  
Ely  
whitepinechamber.com  
775-289-4459

(21-22)  
**Perdiz Sport Shoot:  
Thanksgiving Turkey  
Shoot**  
Eureka  
eurekacounty.com  
775-237-7027

(21-22)  
**Thanksgiving Holiday  
Food Train**  
Ely  
Nevada Northern  
Railway  
nnry.com  
866-407-8326

22  
SUNDAY

**Keller Williams**  
Crystal Bay  
Crystal Bay Casino  
crystalbaycasino.com  
775-831-0512

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**University Orchestra**  
Nightingale Concert Hall  
unr.edu/arts  
775-784-4278

(24-29)  
**Rockin' Horse**  
Jackpot  
Cactus Petes  
ameristar.com  
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THANKSGIVING

**Saigon By Night**  
West Wendover  
Peppermill  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

**Sparks Turkey Trot**  
Sparks  
cityofsparks.us  
775-353-7898

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**Cheech & Chong**  
Silver Legacy  
silverlegacy.com  
800-MUST-SEE

**Dweezil Zappa  
Plays Zappa**  
Stateline  
MontBleu  
montbleuresort.com  
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**Dwight Yoakam**  
West Wendover  
Peppermill  
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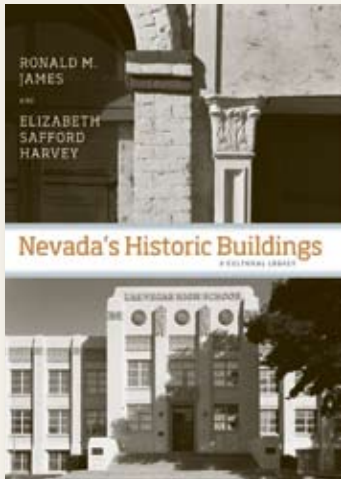
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